

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-65)
 SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

There are attached for the Bureau eight (8) copies of a LHM and for Birmingham two (2) copies of LHM containing a verbatim copy of an article appearing in the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" for 10/3/63.

It will be noted that this article concerns a letter written by JAMES (WEE WILL) WARE to TOM OLSON, a high school boy in Richfield, Minnesota.

It will be noted that the letter from WARE to OLSON is the result of OLSON having written to WARE consoling WARE about WARE's brother's death shortly after instant bombing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 3, 1963

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following article appeared in the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" for Thursday, October 3, 1963:

"LETTER TO RICHFIELD BOY
Negro Tells of
Brother's Slaying

APPROX

"One day last week, a letter from James
(Wee Will) Ware, 16-year-old Birmingham, Ala.,
Negro, arrived in Richfield.

"It was addressed to TOM OLSON, 6939 4th
Av. S., a junior at Richfield High School. The
pair became friends this summer when both were
delegates at a national Hi-Y conference at
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

"On Sept. 15, Wee Will was pedaling his
bicycle along a street with his brother, Virgil,
13, sitting on the handlebars.

"Birmingham was tense, because of the
bombing earlier of a Negro church, where four
girls were killed: Denise McNair, 11; Carol
Robertson, 14; Cynthia Wesley, 14, and Addie
Mae Collins, 14.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

"On Docena Road, the two boys on the bicycle were approached by a red motorbike which was decorated with Confederate stickers and carrying two white youths. One of the youths pulled out a pistol and fired twice. Virgil Ware fell off the bike, fatally wounded.

"Two white youths, Lee Farley and Larry Joe Sims, both 16, have been charged with murder and bound over to a Birmingham Grand Jury that will convene Monday.

"Tom Olson read about the shooting in the papers and wrote his friend a consoling letter. Here is Wee Will's reply:

"Hi, Tom,

"Things are really going bad for me down here. Virgil, my brother's funeral will possibly be Sunday.

"The newspapers don't give a complete rundown of what's going on around here. Our darling Governor has caused so much trouble, until I am about ready to leave this place. But I figure this is what he wants. All of the Negroes to leave Ala. (the nut).

"THE LITTLE girl Denise McNair was my next door neighbor's niece. As you know she was one of the girls who was killed in the bombing of the 16th St. Bapt. Church.

"I've been in school since the beginning of the semester but is quite hard to study with the fear that engulfs B'ham. We have a fire drill almost every morning because of a bomb threat.

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"'All of the Negro businesses have closed up and near dark there isn't a Negro to be seen on the street. And could you blame them? The State Troopers sent here to protect us will ride along the street with their rebel flagged cars saying 'run nigger.'

"'It's quite difficult to write a cheerful letter under the circumstances but in spite of all I guess I still have a lot to be thankful for. Don't forget to come to my funeral when ever you read about it. (Smile, I think).

"'Love, Wee Will Ware."

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 7P

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

W. [signature]

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C. C. Harris

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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUP.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS EITHER RESIDING OR WHO WERE IN
NEIGHBORHOOD AT TIME OF SIXTEENTH STREET CHURCH BOMBING, AS WELL AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH CONGREGATION, INTERVIEWED TODAY,
END PAGE TWO.

HOWEVER, NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINED.

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10-5-63

12-22AM CST JP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER FOUR.

DYNAMITE PROJECT.

4 copies made by *CT*
for 1544th Air Force Task Force
Date *12-1-78*

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EIGHTYONE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE. APPROXIMATELY
THREE HUNDRED NINETYFOUR PENDING.

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WA 3-09 PM OK FBI WA JS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI
Attn: FBI Laboratory, Electronics Section

DATE: 10/3/63

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
(Technical Equipment)

There is being returned to the Bureau this date via
Railway Express:

1 Uher Stereo Tape Recorder

1 Vega FM Receiver and Accessories

} Recd 10-7-63
OK 11/9/63

This equipment is no longer needed in above captioned
case.

3 Bureau
(1 Package)
1 Birmingham

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC-S BIRMINGHAM 157-352
JACKSONVILLE, SAVANNAH, AND MIAMI.

FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-582

BAP BOMB.

RE BUREAU TEL OCTOBER TWO, LAST, CONCERNING INFO

FROM [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

ATLANTA IS CONDUCTING FISUR [REDACTED]

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DYNAMITE PROJECT.

THERE ARE TWO MANUFACTURERS IN ALABAMA, NAMELY, E. I. DUPONT AT WATSON AND HERCULES AT MC ADORY. BOTH THESE HAVE WHOLESALE OUTLETS, DUPONT/S BEING COWAN EQUIPMENT CO., BIRMINGHAM, AND HERCULES BEING ALABAMA POWDER CO., BIRMINGHAM. BOTH OUTLETS HAVE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED REGULAR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS PLUS THEY ALSO SELL TO ANYONE RETAIL. DUE TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF MINING BEING CONDUCTED IN THE AREA MOST OF THE WHOLESALE BUYERS THEN SELL DYNAMITE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES ON A RETAIL OR COST BASIS TO THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES OR SMALLER MINING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF QUOTE WAGON MINES UNQUOTE RUN BY ONE TO FOUR PERSONS WHO PURCHASE DYNAMITE DIRECTLY FROM THE DISTRIBUTOR OR BUY FROM A WHOLESALE BUYER IN SMALL LOTS. THESE WAGON MINERS ALSO STEAL EXPLOSIVES FROM EACH OTHER AS COMMON PRACTICE AND THEFTS ARE SELDOM REPORTED AS THIS CONSIDERED OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD. ALL REPORTED THEFTS ARE BEING IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT. LARGE MINING OPERATIONS SELL DYNAMITE DIRECTLY TO THEIR MINERS FROM COMPANY STOCKS FOR THEIR DAYS WORK AND NO RECORDS KEPT RE HOW MUCH THEY USE DURING DAY AS THEY DO NOT TURN BACK UNUSED

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DYNAMITE OR OTHER EXPLOSIVES. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MINERS IN ALABAMA WHO USE EXPLOSIVES DAILY. THESE MINERS ALSO SWAP DYNAMITE ON CREDIT BASIS WHEN SHORT OF MONEY TO BUY FROM COMPANY. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES HAVE DISTRIBUTORS IN ALABAMA.

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[REDACTED] OLIN MASSON CO., OF ILLINOIS, HAS A DISTRIBUTOR AT JASPER, ALA., AND ATLAS POWDER COMPANY AT ONEONTA, ALA. NEITHER HAS BEEN CONTACTED TO DATE AS SOURCES IN IMMEDIATE BIRMINGHAM AREA BEING CONCENTRATED ON AT THIS TIME. MOST OF ABOVE COMPANIES SELL BOTH HIGH ORDER AND QUOTE PERMISSIBLE POWDER END QUOTE COMMONLY KNOWN AS QUOTE COAL POWDER END QUOTE. ALABAMA POWDER COMPANY HAS TWO MAGAZINES, ONE AT ALDRIDGE, ALA. AND AT BIRMINGHAM, BUT NO THEFTS REPORTED. HERCULES AND E. E. DUPONT HAVE RUN INVENTORIES AND NO IRREGULARITIES NOTED. E. I. DUPONT HAS SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS SURPLUS MILITARY C DASH FOUR, BUT ALL HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMERS IDENTITIES BEING GLEANED
END PAGE FOUR.

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FROM FILES ALL SOURCES ABOVE AND WILL BE CONTACTED RE SALES DURING
PERTINENT PERIODS.

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INTERVIEWS TODAY SIXTYFOUR. THREE PCI/S DASH RAC FILES
OPENED. INTERVIEWS TO BE COMPLETED THREE HUNDRED NINETYTHREE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/4/63

WMA
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-218) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
(OO: BIRMINGHAM)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 9/18/63.

Racial sources of the Pittsburgh office contacted during the period 9/26 - 30/63, and advised they had no information concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Pittsburgh

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Mr. [Signature]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 10/1/63

Case References BAPBOMB

Consigned to: FBI, Birmingham

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TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH.

SEVERAL YOUNG NEGROES WHO ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES
VICTIM CHURCH MORNING OF BOMBING INTERVIEWED. NO NEW INFORMATION
DEVELOPED.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO WERE DOUBLE DATING
PARKED CORNER OF EIGHTEENTH ST. AND EIGHTH AVE. WHEN EXPLOSION
OCCURRED ON SIXTEENTH ST. BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES,
IMMEDIATELY DROVE TO SCENE AND STATE OBSERVED NOTHING SUSPICIOUS
EITHER PRIOR TO OR FOLLOWING THE BOMBING. ADDITIONAL RAMBLER STATION
WAGONS CHECKED. NONE FIT DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY WITNESS [REDACTED]
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INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE SEVENTYTHREE. PENDING INTERVIEWS
FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN.

CORR. PAGE 2 LINE 2 WD 6 "ADVISES", LINE 12 WD 1 "SEVEN"

PAGE 3 LINE 3 WD 11 "SERVICES"

END

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A6069. Congressman Powell, (D) New York, extended his remarks to include an article from the Atlanta Constitution of September 15, 1963, entitled "A Southerner Speaks: A Flower for the Graves." This article states, "It is too late to blame the sick criminals who handled the dynamite. The FBI and the police can deal with that kind. The charge against them is simple. They killed four children. Only we can trace the truth, Southerner--you and I." This article has been inserted in the Record previously by several other Congressmen.

Boy bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6093 - A6094. Congressman Smith, (R) California, extended his remarks and stated "there has been considerable confusion surrounding the role the public believes the FBI should play in recent civil rights flareups. I would like to call attention to two recent articles on this subject which point up that the FBI actually does not have jurisdiction in 95 percent of these cases. Where they do have jurisdiction they are on the job in their usual efficient and effective way." The two articles entitled "In Rights Cases: FBI Operates Only Under Justice Department Orders" from the Joliet (Illinois) Herald-News, and "FBI Gives Top Priority to Bomb Investigation" from the Washington Evening Star, were included with Mr. Smith's remarks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6096 - A6097. Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, submitted for inclusion in the Record a recent statement made by Mr. William M. Spencer, of Birmingham, Alabama, entitled "Judgment Without Trial." Mr. Spencer pointed out that in reporting the recent bombings in Birmingham all news media have so slanted their reports as to imply that they were perpetrated by white persons. He stated, "The most skilled investigators of the FBI, the law enforcement agencies of Birmingham, of Jefferson County, and of the State of Alabama, have searched diligently and thoroughly for evidence to identify the criminal or criminals, but to this date, there has been disclosed to the public not one shred, not one scintilla, of evidence which would point an accusing finger at any person. - - - We deem it to be the duty of the President of the United States and of the Attorney General to make public a full report of all the facts found by the investigators of the FBI of the bombings in Birmingham; that if no evidence has been found that the crime, or any of them, were perpetrated by a white person, or persons, such fact should be clearly stated; that if no evidence has been found that the crimes, or any of them, were perpetrated by a citizen of Birmingham, white or black, or any other color, such fact should be clearly stated."

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URGENT 10-5-63 9-10 PM EST PP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC CHARLOTTE,
BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ AND ATLANTA.

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB. BM.

REBUTEL OCT. TWO SIXTYTHREE, AND SV TEL TO BUREAU OCT.
FOUR SIXTYTHREE.

RESVTEL INDICATED [REDACTED] INTENDED HUNTING ALL DAY OCT.
FIVE SIXTYTHREE.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

FISUR DISCLOSED [REDACTED] LEFT RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C.

FOUR FIFTY A. M. OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE PROCEEDED ABOUT EIGHT
MILES FROM COLUMBIA, S. C. MET A GROUP OF APPARENT HUNTERS
AND PROCEEDED INTO WOODS LEASED BY HUNTING CLUB.

[REDACTED] OBSERVED LEAVING THESE WOODS ABOUT ELEVEN
FIFTEEN AM PROCEEDING TO RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C. AND
AT ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR PROCEEDED TO LEXINGTON CO. S. C.
ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES FROM COLUMBIA, S. C. WHERE HE WENT
HUNTING AT PARENTS FARM AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL AFTER
EIGHT THIRTY PM OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE.

NO INDICATION HE ATTENDED ANY MEETING THIS DATE.

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FISUR DISCLOSED [REDACTED] WORKED AT [REDACTED] S. C.

MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON OF OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE AND DEPARTED
RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C. FOUR TWENTY PM OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE
PROCEEDING TOWARD NEWBERRY, S. C.

CE VERIFY [REDACTED] PRESENTS AT NEWBERRY.

E AM COPIES TO JK AND MM.

END

WA 10-15 PM OK FBI WA NH

CE 9-14 PM OK FBI CE HM

BH 8-14 PM OK FBI BH HEP

AT 9-14 PM OK FBI AT JDW

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Date: 10/7/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-402)

BAPBOMB

Re Savannah teletypes 10/5/63.

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CHARLOTTE will contact other informants to attempt to positively identify presence of [REDACTED] at Newberry, S. C.

3 - Bureau (157-1025) RM
2 - Savannah (157-503) RM
1 - Birmingham (157-352) RM
1 - Atlanta RM
2 - Charlotte

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G C. Wick

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14 OCT 8 1963
SDXApproved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

UNITED STATES

MENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 10/6/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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SAC Roy K. Moore, Birmingham, called at 1 p.m., 10/6/63, and spoke to Extra Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]

He advised that last night Agents patrolled in Birmingham, however, the city was extremely quiet and no incidents occurred. Several calls were received that the Gaston Motel would be blown up, however, nothing transpired in this connection.

Arrangements are being made with a [REDACTED] who is cooperative with the Bureau and not in sympathy with [REDACTED] to establish twenty-four physical surveillance of [REDACTED]. Further coverage will be established as Mr. Moore previously explained to you.

Routine investigation is going ahead and man power is being applied for most effective results. Moore stated that the Agents assigned to the special are confident and applying themselves with vigor to the investigation.

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EX-114

80-620

October 7, 1963

42c
[REDACTED]
E. I. du Pont de Nemours
and Company
Watson, Alabama

Dear [REDACTED]

42c
I have been informed of the cordial and cooperative manner in which Special Agents [REDACTED] of our Laboratory and [REDACTED] of our Birmingham Office were received by you during their recent visits to your Company.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to you for the courtesies extended to them during their visits.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - FBI, Birmingham (157-352)

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NOTE: The above Company was visited on 9/27/63, in connection with the BAPBOMB investigation (Bufile 157-1025) and the Laboratory's continuing policy of keeping up-to-date on information concerning explosives in order for the Laboratory to more effectively handle explosive matters. The Du Pont Company in Watson manufactures nearly all of the various types of basic commercial explosives, such as dynamite, produced by the Du Pont Company. Most of the explosives manufactured by the Du Pont Company for export are produced at the Watson plant. No derogatory information in Bufiles identifiable with addressee.

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DUPLICATE YELLOW

FBI

Date: 10/5/63

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
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Via AIRTEL

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DATE 3-10-86 BY SPdEW/EN

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAPBOMB

ReButel to Birmingham 3:43 p.m., 10/4/63, requesting information concerning suspects in this case.

While the men assigned to this investigation have definite suspects under consideration, the names of whom will be set out hereinafter, we have not closed our minds to the fact that any member of any hate group in the entire state might be responsible.

Those under active investigation to date are the following:

(1) ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, born 1/14/04, is a suspect for the reason

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 2 - Birmingham

C. C. Wick

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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While the foregoing represent those suspects under active consideration at the moment, this does not preclude possibility that representatives from groups such as the National States Rights Party might be involved. It is a well-known fact that [REDACTED] Atlanta, and [REDACTED] his associates, have been in Birmingham during pertinent periods, have met with questionable individuals and are entirely capable of having planned and/or participated in at least a portion of the bombings. Every consideration is being afforded them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson _____
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URGENT 10-7-63 6-01PMCST TM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1 P
BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

REBUTEL TODAY.

FOUR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NINE REMAIN.

CONSTANT ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS INTERVIEW PROGRAM OF KLANSMEN, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PURPOSELY AVOIDING INTERVIEWS IN THAT WHEN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED TO BE CONTACTED AT THEIR RESIDENCES, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO ANSWER THE DOOR. OTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE AT PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.

REMAINING TEN INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT.

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United States Senate

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September 19, 1963 15

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Colonel Harvey H. Hewitt
 210 East Greenway Boulevard
 Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Colonel Hewitt:

It will give me pleasure to send Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, your letter of the 14th regarding the question of why the FBI apparently has taken no effective action against the long series of bombings in Alabama and, when received, I will send you his reply and also put it in the Congressional Record.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Willis Robertson

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HARVEY H. HEWITT
COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE (RET.)
210 EAST GREENWAY BOULEVARD
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

September 14, 1963

Dear Senator Robertson:

Last night (September 13) Washington television station WTOP broadcast a recording of some statements made in Baltimore by Governor Wallace of Alabama. In one statement the Governor charged that since 1947 there had been 47 bombings in Alabama of Negro homes and churches but that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which had investigated every case, had failed to come with a single solution.

The Governor intimated that these bombings had very likely been committed by persons with pro-Negro sentiments who hoped through the "liberal" press and networks to arouse hatred against white persons in Alabama who are opposed to racial integration. He said that no Negroes had been killed and that personal injury and property damage had been slight. But that the integration forces, through the publicity given to the bombings, had succeeded in attracting much sympathy and money to their cause.

Governor Wallace also intimated that the F.B.I. in their investigations must have found evidence of this duplicity on the part of the pro-Negro forces. He said that such evidence if any has not been brought to light because of embarrassment it might bring to the United States Department of Justice and the Attorney General.

I feel that the charges made by Governor Wallace are serious ones which bring into question the integrity our system of justice on the Federal level. I therefore ask that the charges be looked into to determine their truth or falsity.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey H. Hewitt
HARVEY H. HEWITT

Honorable A. Willis Robertson,
United States Senate

*original returned
9-23-63*

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September 24, 1963

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Honorable A. Willis Robertson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

My dear Senator:

I have received the letter Colonel Harvey H. Hewitt wrote to you on September 14, 1963, with the copy of your reply to him of September 19th, and I do appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. Let me assure you at the outset that the implied charges against the FBI reported in Colonel Hewitt's letter have no basis in fact.

Both sides in the racial issue have used the FBI's name in recent months to gain support for their respective points of view. Obviously, neither side has spoken with any authority since their statements have dealt with cases on which no public announcement has been made regarding the results of our investigations. Supposition often is stated as fact, and the matter of legal jurisdiction frequently is ignored.

At the present time, different individuals are citing various totals for the number of bombings which have occurred in Alabama. Some allege the FBI has investigated all of them; others declare we have taken little or no action. Our jurisdiction to investigate these bombings comes from the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which became effective on May 6, 1960. It is broad in scope, but the Department of Justice has stated that Congress clearly indicated there was no intention in the statute to usurp investigative and prosecutive authority in bombing matters from state and local authorities. The Department has instructed that the FBI should not initiate investigations into such cases without special Departmental authorization.

BY COURIER SVC.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

Enclosures are: Article from Washington, D. C. "The Evening Star" entitled "FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues" dated 9-21-63.

Article from 9-21-63 issue of Joliet Herald-News, Joliet, Illinois, regarding Alabama bombings.

NOTE: Colonel Hewitt cannot be identified in Bufiles. Bufiles indicate

we have had generally cordial relations with Senator Robertson.

DWB:bsp (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Honorable A. Willis Robertson

The facts of each bombing incident have been presented immediately to the Department, and the FBI has been requested to investigate five bombing cases in Alabama, including the one on September 15th in which four children were killed. Due to the nature of the September 15th bombing, the FBI began an immediate investigation and advised the Department of the actions being taken. Although the FBI does not actively investigate all bombing cases, it does cooperate in every way possible with state and local authorities. The full facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are available to render any assistance.

The FBI's actions in the civil rights field are governed by laws as they are in all fields. We cannot exceed our authority nor will we attempt to do so. If a Federal law within our jurisdiction is violated, FBI Agents will conduct a prompt, thorough and objective investigation. If no Federal law is involved, we will not--cannot--investigate.

In spite of these facts, we are accused of both exceeding and shirking our duties. Some of these charges stem from a lack of understanding, but many of them come from persons who have a personal interest and distort the truth to suit their own purposes.

Acting within the law, the FBI has recorded a number of accomplishments in the civil rights field. For example, FBI investigations have enabled the Department of Justice to file more than forty suits in five states to end racial discrimination in voting. FBI Agents solved the case involving the burning of a Greyhound bus transporting "Freedom Riders" through Alabama in 1961. Six persons have been convicted for their part in this crime. An FBI investigation in September, 1962, led to the arrest and conviction in state court of four persons for burning a Negro church in Terrell County, Georgia. FBI Agents also arrested Byron De La Beckwith, the man charged with the murder of Medgar Evers, the Mississippi leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Honorable A. Willis Robertson

I hope the foregoing will prove helpful to your constituent in understanding our role in civil rights cases. I am enclosing two recent newspaper articles you may desire to forward to him and am returning his letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

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UNITED STATES

MENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Bu*

DATE: 10/5/63

FROM : A. Rosen *f*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
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SAC Roy Moore called to request authority for the following:

1. Afford polygraph examination to [REDACTED]
(waiver will be obtained)
2. Afford polygraph examination to [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

SAC Moore also advised that [REDACTED]

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter, SAC Moore was authorized to proceed with items 1-3 above.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 10/6/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
 BOMBING MATTERS

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At 4:40 p.m., 10/6/63, SAC Roy Moore of Birmingham *NEGRO* called and advised that [REDACTED] was at that time being interviewed in the Birmingham Office. SAC Moore requested authorization to afford [REDACTED] a polygraph examination.

[REDACTED] was pointed out by SAC Moore the [REDACTED]

In connection with the investigation of the bombing of captioned matter, extensive investigation is being conducted of all potential subjects in order to bring this matter to a logical conclusion. This would, of course, include checking out the previous admission of [REDACTED] *430*

SAC Moore indicated that a waiver would be obtained prior to this polygraph examination. *W*

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter and the urgency of his request, SAC Moore was advised to proceed with the use of the polygraph in connection with the interview of [REDACTED]

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URGENT 10-7-63 11-16 PM EST PNR

TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 3 P

BAPBOMB. BM.

REBUTEL THIS DATE AND SV TEL OCTOBER FOUR LAST.

TEN KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED SINCE OCTOBER FOUR LAST AND NO
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING IDENTITY OF SUBJECTS.

FOUR REMAINING KLANSMEN ARE EITHER OUT OF TOWN ON BUSINESS
WITH NO FIXED ADDRESS OR RESIDENCES IN RURAL AREAS NOT LOCATED.
FUGITIVE TYPE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE LATTER FOUR.

IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEW ALL
KNOWN KLANSMEN, SV FILES WERE REVIEWED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE.

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OF FIFTEEN AGENTS AT HQ CITY, ONE WAS AT INSERVICE, TWO ON BAPBOMB SPECIAL, BIRMINGHAM, ONE SICK LEAVE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, ONE ANNUAL LEAVE ABOUT ONE WEEK AND ONE ARRIVED ON TRANSFER DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, LEAVING NINE MEN AVIALABLE.

ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST A THIRTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLAR BANK BURGLARY WAS COMMITTED IN JOHNSONVILLE, S. C., AND THREE SUSPECTS IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPED, ALL OF WHOM WERE IN SAVANNAH.

ALSO ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN BRANCH AT GARDEN CITY, GA., A SURBURB OF SAVANNAH WAS ROBBED OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATION AND SURVEILLANCES IN BANK BURGLARY AND BANK ROBBERY CASE HAD TO BE COVERED IMMEDIATELY OR LOSE THEIR VALUE AND REQUIRED ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER.

IN ADDITION AUTO THEFT RING CASE DEVELOPED IN SAVANNAH NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST REQUIRING CONTINUAL ATTENTION.

AS AGENTS AVAILABLE THEY CONDUCTED KLAN INTERVIEWS. FOR MOST
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PAGE THREE

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PART OF A YEAR PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAVANNAH
IN MAY LAST ONLY THREE KLANSMEN BELONGING TO UKA, INC., SAVANNAH,
ATTENDED REGULAR MEETINGS, INCLUDING ONE INFORMANT. THESE MEN, IN-
CLUDING [REDACTED] MENTIONED ABOVE, WERE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY ON
RECEIPT OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTANT PROGRAM. THE OVERWHELMING
MAJORITY OF KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED JOINED THIS KLAN SINCE JUNE AS RESULT
OF RACIAL DISTURBANCES.

AGENTS WILL WORK CONTINUOUSLY TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW REMAINING
FOUR KLANSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT ARE AWAY FROM HOME AND
THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
 BOMBING OF 16th STREET BAPTIST
 CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
 BOMBING MATTERS

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The Birmingham Office indicated that Allen is the only one who ever, according to their knowledge, got a conviction against any member of the Klan heretofore. It was not indicated what the conviction was for. It is significant to note that Captain Allen has not been friendly with the Bureau.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memo to Belmont from Rosen

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memo to as
& Dept Z.

1. Yes.

2. Also instruct our
Birmingham office
to have nothing
do with A & P.

All done
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A/30/63

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The Attorney General

October 1, 1963

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lavin
1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Evans

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

With regard to the arrests of Robert E. Chambliss
and Charles Arnie Cagle by the Alabama Highway Patrol on
the night of September 29, 1963, in connection with the
bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham,

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The Attorney General

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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TIME	9:50AM
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October 9, 1963

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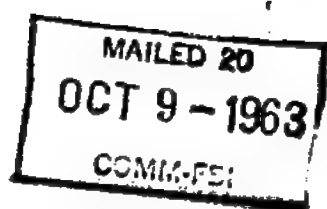
Re: BAPBOMB

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-432785 IK, dated 10/8/63, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

K22 through K26



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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URGENT 10-8-63 7-20PMCST TM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1 P

BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

NINE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. NONE REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-7-63

FROM : A. Rosen

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Birmingham in its efforts to run down sources of dynamite has ascertained there are two manufacturers of dynamite in Alabama; E. I. DuPont at Watson and Hercules at McAdory. These two companies have one wholesale outlet in Birmingham apiece and these wholesale outlets have a total of 200 regular wholesale customers. They also sell retail. Due to the large mining operations in Birmingham the use of explosives is widespread and few accurate records are kept. Birmingham is continuing this project.

Additional interviews have been conducted in the neighborhood of the 16th Street Baptist Church without pertinent information being developed.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

JER *Sp* *Don* *V.* *PM*

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Date: 10/8/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, WFO (127-293)

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Sources familiar with NOI activities in WFO have been contacted and furnished no information regarding travel of NOI members to Birmingham during pertinent period.

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URGENT 10-8-63 7-47 PM EST PNR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB, BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL, OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST.

THE FOUR REMAINING KLANSMEN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AND
FURNISHED NO INFORMATION OF VALUE IN IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS IN
THIS CASE.

THIS COMPLETES THE PROGRAM OF INTERVIEWING KLANSMEN IN
THE SAVANNAH OFFICE. RECONTACT WITH INFORMANTS AND LEADERS WHO
HAVE APPEARED COOPERATIVE AND APPARENTLY MADE INDEPENDENT
INQUIRIES INDICATES THE LOCAL KLANSMEN HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING
THE BOMBINGS IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA.

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BH ADVISED SEPERATELY.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R*
FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: October 8, 1963

C SAC Roy K. Moore at Birmingham advised at 7:35 p. m., that Charles Arnie Cagle was tried in local court today on charges of having in his possession dynamite. This trial resulted in his conviction following which he was fined \$100 plus costs and sentenced to six months in jail at hard labor. SAC Moore advised that the prosecution put on only two witnesses that being police officers.

Cagle and Robert E. Chambliss *al* were arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) on 9-29-63, in connection with the Birmingham bombings on open charges. John Wesley Hall was also taken into custody 10-1-63, by the AHP. All three were charged on 10-1-63, with having in their possession an explosive, to wit, dynamite, without a permit as required by Section 451 of the General City Code of the city of Birmingham of 1944.

SAC Moore advised further that no date has been set as yet for the trial of Chambliss and Hall. *U*

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U R G E N T 10-7-63 9-35PM CST JP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.
THE CHAMBLISS GROUP.

W. J. [Signature]

W. J. [Signature]

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cc. Lavin

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WHILE AGENTS WERE CONVERSING WITH [REDACTED] Hc-10
[REDACTED] APPEARED AT HER RESIDENCE AND BEGAN TO EXAMINE
BUREAU CAR PARKED IN FRONT. AGENTS ASKED HIM FOR IDENTI-
FICATION. HE CLAIMED HE WAS A TAX PAYER AND AS SUCH HAD
THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. HE WAS TOLD
IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS WHAT HE COULD AND COULD NOT DO IN-
SOFAR AS BUREAU PROPERTY WAS CONCERNED AND ASKED FOR
IDENTIFICATION, WHICH HE EXHIBITED, AND WHEN IT WAS NOTED
HE DID NOT POSSESS A SELECTIVE SERVICE CARD HE WAS
INSTRUCTED TO INSURE THAT HE BROUGHT IT TO FBI HEADQUARTERS
WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS, AS HE COULD NOT SUBSTANTIATE DATE OF
BIRTH ON IDENTIFICATION IN POSSESSION AND APPEARED YOUTHFUL.

CONCERNING TELETYPE FROM MOBILE TO DIRECTOR TODAY
BASED UPON CONTACT SRA MONTGOMERY BY [REDACTED] WJ
[REDACTED] SAC-S NOW
N BIRMINGHAM SHOULD THEY BE CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] WILL ADVISE
HIM THAT SHOULD HE HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO IMPART
TO THE FBI WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE FBI OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM.
HE WILL BE TOLD THAT WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE MEETING HIM
CLANDESTINELY NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.
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EXXXADDITIONAL CARS ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT
RAMBLER OBSERVED BY WITNESS [REDACTED] 43019

BIRMINGHAM REPORT OCT FOUR LAST THIS CASE BEING
REVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL LEADS GLEANED THEREFROM WHICH
ARE BEING COVERED ALONG WITH OTHER CURRENT INVESTIGATION
THIS CASE.

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY SEVENTYEIGHT, PENDING INTERVIEWS
THREE SEVEN NINE. ONE PSI AND ONE PCI PAREN RAC END PAREN OPENED
TODAY.

END AND ACK

WA PLS REPEAT LINE ONE PAGE SIX

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"ADDITIONAL CARS ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT"

END AND ACK

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URGENT 10-4-63 6-26 PM EST TT1
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS 042115

BUFILE 157-1025, IP FILE 157-93 BAPBOMB.
 RE BUREAU TEL OCTOBER 3 LAST.

ALL SECURITY INFORMANTS REPORTING ON COMMUNIST PARTY
 ACTIVITIES IN IND. WERE CONTACTED THIS DATE AND THEY HAVE
 NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANONYMOUS LETTER.

IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THEY BE INTERVIEWED UNTIL AFTER
 ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, AS NOT BELIEVED
 LETTER ACTUALLY WRITTEN BY A NEGRO COMMUNIST. THIS OFFICE HAS
 THREE SUSPECTS WHO ARE ANTI/COMMUNIST, ANTI/NEGRO AND IN SOME
 INSTANCES ANTI/JEWISH AND ANTI/CATHOLIC, AND SAMPLES OF
 TYPING OF THESE ARE AVAILABLE AND ARE BEING FORWARDED TO
 BUREAU BY AIR MAIL FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE INDIANAPOLIS RESULTS OF
 LABORATORY EXAM OF ANONYMOUS LETTER AND TO FURNISH INDIANAPOLIS
 PHOTOGRAPH OF ENVELOPE AND LETTER WHICH MIGHT AID THIS OFFICE
 IN IDENTIFYING TIME AND PLACE OF MAILING.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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or are being contacted and interviewed for any information they may have concerning any Birmingham bombings.

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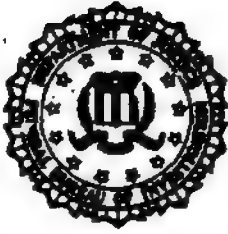
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama, 32502
October 2, 1963

RE: [REDACTED]

A characterization of the National States Rights
Party is being attached to this letterhead memorandum.

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For information, the public schools of Birmingham, Alabama, opened for the Fall Term of 1963 on the morning of September 4, 1963. Three public schools of Birmingham were scheduled to be desegregated on September 4, 1963, and these three schools were as follows:

Ramsay High School
1800 - 13th Avenue, South

West End High School
1840 Pearson Avenue, SW.

Graymont Elementary School
300 - Eighth Avenue, West.

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Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama,
September 15, 1963

BOMBING MATTERS

Bufile 157-1025

Birmingham file 157-352

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Alabama, September 25, 1963,
BOMBING MATTERS
Birmingham file 157-407

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Date: 10/8/63

PC-77545

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAPBOMB

On 10/4/63, a consent search was made of the premises, vehicles and outbuildings located at 1440 Princeton Avenue, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama, owned by and under the control of THOMAS EDWIN BLANTON, SR., who is considered a suspect in captioned investigation.

The following items are being submitted today under separate cover via registered airmail, return receipt requested:

- (1) One (1) short coil of insulated wire.
- (2) Five (5) three inch long nails.
- (3) One pair 7½ inch electrician type pliers with green plastic insulated handle covers.
- (4) One pair 10 inch pliers, brand name Barcalo, U.S.A.
- (5) One piece 3/4 inch pipe and elbow.

Each of the above five (5) items were found in the 1955 Ford sedan owned by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., by SA [REDACTED]

The following examinations and requests are made covering the listed items:

- 5 - Bureau
 (2 - Package) RM
 2 - Birmingham
 (1 - 157-352)
 (1 - 157-391)

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

C. C. WICK

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(1) Furnish type, usual use, and evaluation of general availability.

(2) Request the nails be compared with material previously furnished by Birmingham letter dated 9/26/63.

(3) Pliers being submitted for tool mark comparisons with material previously furnished by Birmingham letter dated 9/26/63.

(4) Same comparison as requested for item #3.

(5) Pipe and elbow submitted for comparison of tool marks with material previously submitted by Birmingham Office by letter dated 9/26/63.

The above listed items should be returned to the Birmingham Office upon completion of examination unless holding it in the Laboratory will serve some future purpose.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To:

FBI, Birmingham (157-353)

Date:

October 15, 1963

Re:

BAPBOMB

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

Birmingham EX-102

Reference:

Airtel 10/8/63

Examination requested:

Microscopic - Toolmarks

Remarks:

Reference is made to your letter dated 9/26/63, and Laboratory report PC-77373, D-432066 dated 10/1/63, in your case captioned "UNSUBS; EXPLOSION AT 1601 CENTER STREET, SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/25/63; RM" (Your file 157-407, Bufile 157-1042).

No wire fragments similar to the K22 wire found in Blanton's Ford were found in the debris submitted under cover of your letter of 9/26/63.

The K23 nails are new and on this basis, they are different from the rusty old assortment of used nails recovered in your case 157-407. The nails which were recovered at the scene of the explosion do not appear to have any value for comparative purposes with other specimens of old nails.

You will be advised later concerning the results of the toolmark comparisons. After the examinations have been completed, specimens K22 through K26 will be returned to you.

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Belmont _____
Mohr _____
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Gale _____
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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Birmingham (157-407) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (157-391) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Bufile (157-1042)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**
Re: **BAPDOMB**

Date: **October 15, 1963**
FBI File No. **157-1025-398**
Lab. No. **PC-77545 CW LJ**

Specimens received **10/10/63**

K22 Insulated wire found under rear seat of 1955 Ford owned by Thomas Blanton, Sr.

K23 Five nails found on floor of Blanton's Ford

K24 Pair of pliers with insulated grips found in Blanton's Ford

K25 Pair of Barco slip-joint pliers found in Blanton's Ford

K26 Pipe nipple connected to street elbow found in Blanton's Ford

Results of examination:

The 34½" long piece of gray insulated stranded-copper wire, specimen K22, which was found in Blanton's automobile is an old wire made primarily for automotive wiring. It is an 18-gauge wire consisting of 16 copper strands. Wire, such as K22, is available at most automotive supply stores, garages and at many service stations. The manufacturer of the K22 wire could not be determined.

The K23 nails are new 10 d (10 penny) cement-coated box nails.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BAPBOMB

File # 157-1025 - 378
Lab. # PC-77545 CW IJ

Examination requested by: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

(air 10/8)

Examination requested:

2 cc " (157-407)
Microscopic (met) 57-391
Toolmarks - ~~Spectrographic~~

Date received: 10/10/63 RAM

Result of Examination:

Examination by:  ⑦

1 cc yellow 157-1042

2
2 cc
3 cc

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10-14-63

PC-7754

K22:

Old appearing pc. of
grey insulated stranded
copper wire $3\frac{1}{4}$ " long.

OD over insulation = $\frac{3}{32}$ "
Insulation thickness $\frac{1}{64}$ "

Solid grey insulation, Cu
strands not tinned.

16 Cu strands, each
approx 0.010" dia.
which is equivalent
to a #18 ga. solid
conductor

Automotive type wire

Beginning $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from
one end I cut a
pc. of insulation about
 $3\frac{1}{4}$ " long toward the other end to make the above measurements.

No similar wire in the Q1 through Q17 specimens
submitted in Birmingham case captioned "Unsubs,
Explosion at 1601 Center Street, S., Birmingham, Alabama,
9/25/63; BM (Birmingham file 157-407, Bufile
157-1042) listed in Laboratory report PC-77373GH
JV CW IS, D-432066 JD dated 10/1/63.



1 COIL INSULATED WIRE
Found REAR SEAT
1955 Ford Sedan - Owned
by Thomas Blanton -
10/14/63

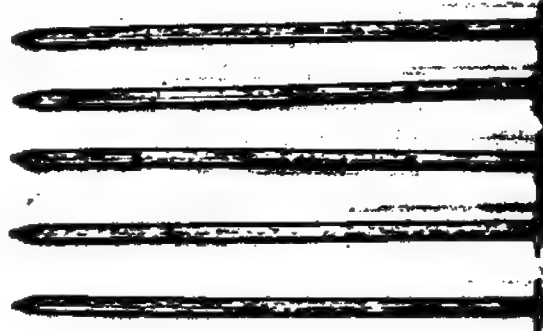
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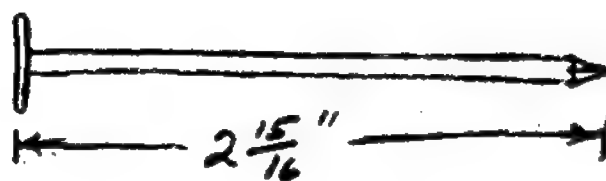
5 - 3" Wood NAIL -
Found Floor Thomas E
Blanton's Ford Sedan.
10/4/63

67c

157-1025 K23

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5/16" dia.
heads



Diamond-shaped
points

Shank diameters: a. 0.1138", .1144", .1145"
b. 0.1142", .1148", .1149"
Nails are # 1 1/2 c. 0.1140", .1145", .1141"
Steel Wire Gauge d. 0.1139", .1149", .1149"
e. 0.1148", .1148", .1148"

Are new 10d
cement-coated
box nails

(See next page)

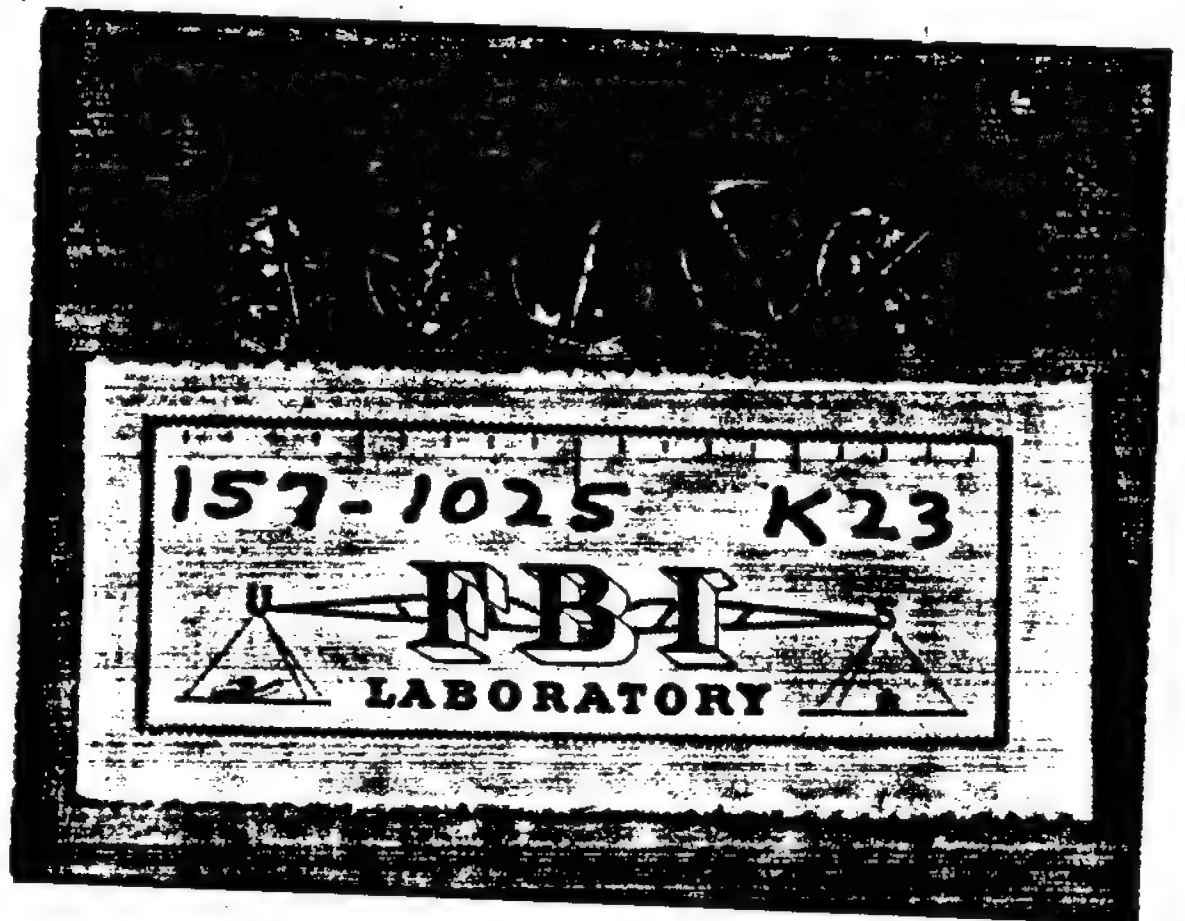
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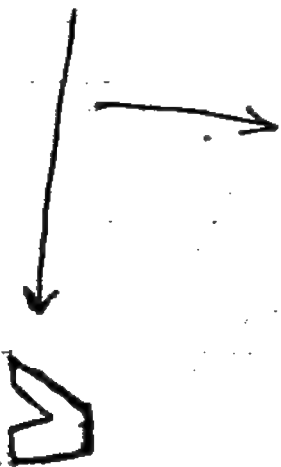
K23:

Nails submitted
in 157-1042,
PC-77373, are
old and rusty
used nails of
various sizes and
types, no new
unused nails in
previous submission.
K23 could not
be associated with
the shrapnel nails.



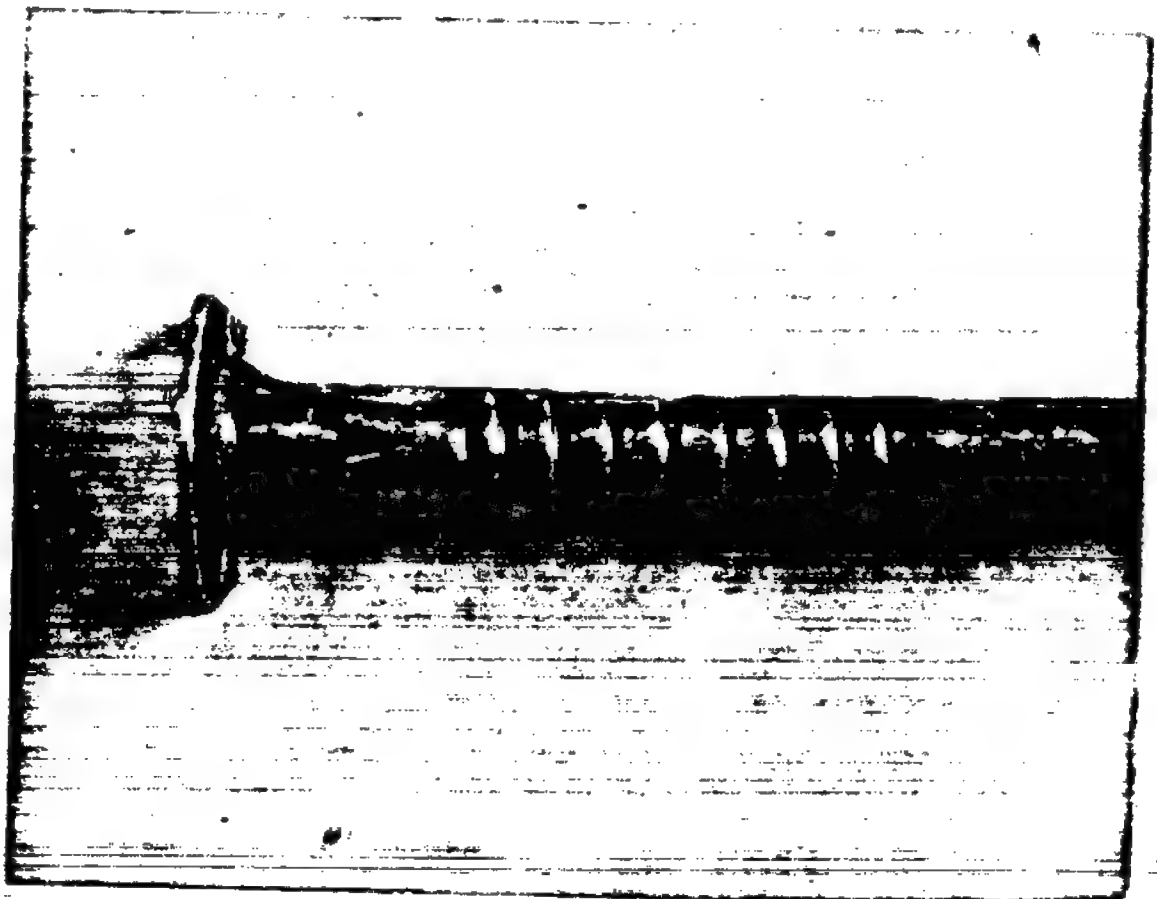
Note above design on heads of box nails, raised
ridges at 90° to each other

Note design at
beginning of die
shank markings;
all 5 nails are
similarly marked.



Appears to be
a "V"

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K24:

Green insulated
grips on K24.

For tool mark
examination



1 pr 7 1/2" electrician
type pliers - Found
in ~~Thomas~~ Blanton's
1955 Ford Sedan.

10/4/63

62c

157-1025 K24
FBI
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K25:

For tool mark
examination

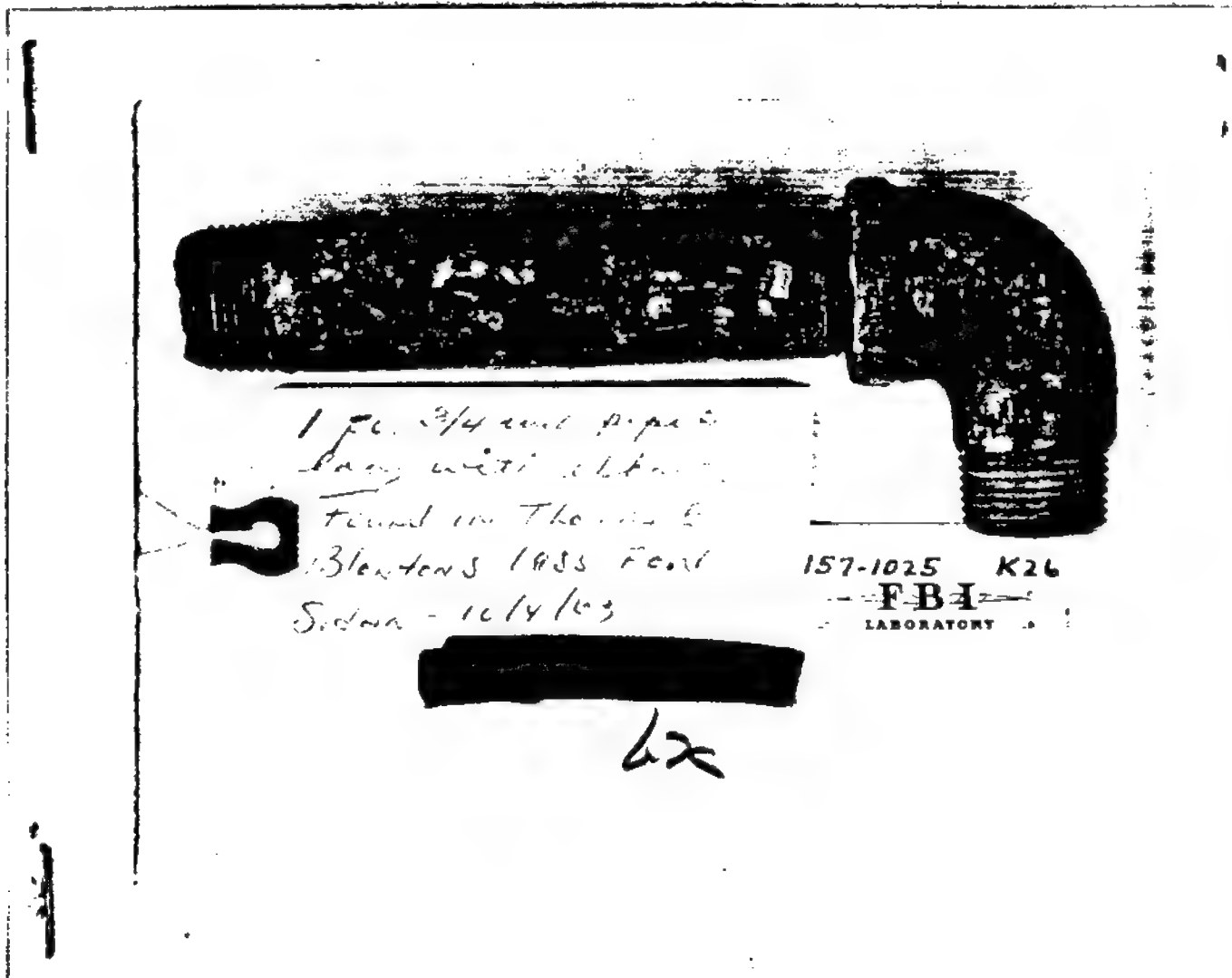


1 pair - 10" Pliers
Parkale USA -
BRAND
Found in 1955 Ford Sedan
owned by Thomas E. Blanton
10/4/63

62c

157-1025 K25
FBI
LABORATORY

K26:



Note remnants of black paint on the old pipe nipple. The nipple has a total length of 5" and protrudes 4 1/2" from the street elbow. 3/4" inside dia pipe so pipe is 3/4". Inside of nipple and fitting corroded. No part of the nipple is missing or is any part of the street elbow missing. Threads on exposed end of nipple are old, no pc. has been recent cut off. As a result, it is not possible to associate K26 with any of the pipe fragments in Q1 through Q16, case 157-1042, PC-77373 on the basis of the metal. Tool mark examination will be made later by Cochran.

157-1042-11.

C-77373

- Q1-a Rusty assortment of old nails
Q1-b No insulated wire or nails
Q1-c " " " " "
Q2-a " " " " "
Q2-b " " " " "
Q2-c Pipe fragment
Q2-d Rusty assortment of old nails
Q3-a No insulated wire or nails
Q3-b Pipe fragment
Q3-c No insulated wire or nails
Q3-d Rusty nail assortment, old
Q4-a Twigs
Q4-b Pipe fitting fragment
Q4-c Rusty assortment of old nails
Q5- Steel washer
Q6- Paper
Q7 Broken screen door hinge
Q8 Nail, nut, bolt & string
Q9 No nails, pipe or wire
Q10 " " " " "

Q11: Paint end of a nail, no pipe, wire or other nails

Q12 Rusty nails, steel wire

Q13 Broken pipe bushing, broken hinge, nails, sheet m.
no copper wire.

Q14 Rusty nail, no Cu wire, sheet metal, no pipe per.

Q15 Wood fragments & several metal fragments dug up

Q16 Pipe fragments, collection of rusty nails, Cu wire

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Date: 10/8/63

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 ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

EXPEDITE
 3C-CW
 2 XTRA
 PC77544

Enclosed is one transistor Eveready battery and
 one piece of electrical wiring received on 10/8/63, from

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The above should be examined in connection with
 other evidence found at the scene of 16th Street Baptist
 Church. Upon completion of examination of the enclosures,
 they should be returned to the Birmingham Office for
 return to _____

3- Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
 2- Birmingham

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 J. L. K.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

REC- 122 **157-1025 -399**
PC-77544 CW

Examination requested by:

FBI, Birmingham

EX. - 112

Reference:

Airtel 10/8/63

Examination requested:

Microscopic

Remarks:

42510 Specimens Q27 and Q28 are enclosed for their ultimate
return to [REDACTED]

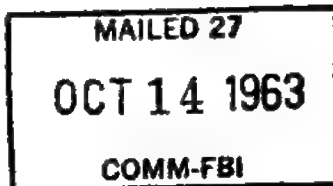
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Enclosures (4) (2 Lab report, Q27 and Q28)

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Date: **October 14, 1963**
FBI File No. **157-1025**
Lab. No. **PC-77544 CW**

Specimens received **10/10/63**

- Q27 Eveready No. E9, 1.4 volts battery found in 1600 block
of 16th Street**
**Q28 Short piece of insulated wire with terminals attached
at each end**

Results of examination:

The physical condition of the battery and the wire connector does not indicate that they had been close to an explosion.

The No. E9 Eveready battery is in an operable condition. No battery parts or batteries have been previously submitted in this case.

Specimen Q28 appears to be a wire connector for use in an automobile. No similar wire has been previously submitted in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Examination requested: Microscopic (net)
Spectrographic

Date received: 10/10/63 r:

Result of Examination:

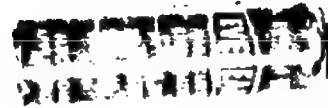
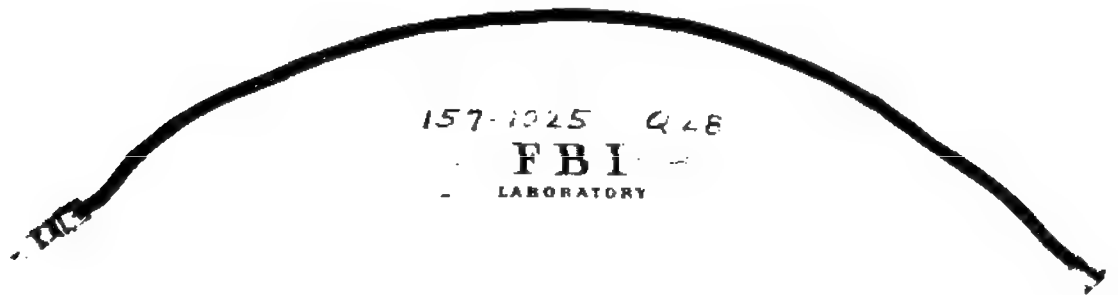
Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

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Lat Rpt
10/14/63
JW L. L. L.

Q27:

157-1025 Q27
FBI
LABORATORY157-1025 Q28
FBI
LABORATORY

No. E9 1.4 volts Eveready mercury energized battery for transistor radio and electronic applications. The paper cover, as may be observed in above photo, is in condition. No evidence it has been subjected to an explosion.

Jack (in Electronics) tested battery and it tested at 1.3 volts and is in a serviceable condition now.

Initialed paper cover by arrow pointing to positive bottom.

No visible evidence that battery was used to trigger the explosion.

No battery components found in previously submitted Beplomb evidence, Q1 through Q6.

Q28: See photo page 1.

Stiff nonmagnetic wire about $7\frac{3}{4}$ " long measured to extreme ends of terminals, $6\frac{3}{4}$ " of insulation between terminals. One is an aluminum-co male plug in terminal and the other is a crimped on brass terminal similar to those used to make contact in fuse holders of an automobile or to make the center contact of an automobile light bulb. (D). Black insulation on wire, O.D. = $3/32$ ". Wire in perfect physical condition no evidence it had been in an explosion. Solid black plastic insulation $1/64$ " thick.

Soft copper strands (not tinned) under insulation each strand 0.010" diameter, 16 individual strands. It is equivalent to a solid conductor #18 gauge wire. Wire is a type used extensively for automotive applications. Had to cut open part of the insulation to examine wire construction.

The only wires previously submitted in the BAPBOMB case are Q26 (piece of red plastic-insul telephone "JKT" station wire, copper coated steel) and a piece, K1, of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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URGENT 10-4-63 541 PM CST TJB
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1-PAGE

BAPBOMB OO BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE OCTOBER THREE LAST.

ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. THIRTEEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

END AND ACK PLS.

WA O 7-44 PM OK FBI WA LLD

BH 5-43 PM CST OK FBI BH MJP

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REC-3

EX-112

12 OCT 10 1963

radio gram to SAC, N
10/7/63
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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

If no contact today, =send
by urgent tel plain text.

TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1294)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)-*400*

BAPBOMB

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EX-112
See
my
RENOTEL OCTOBER FOUR LAST INDICATING THIRTEEN INTERVIEWS IN
KLANSMEN DASH HATE GROUPS REMAINING. IT APPEARS INTERVIEWS WITH
KLANSMEN ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE REQUIRED PREFERRED
ATTENTION, IT BEING NOTED THIS CASE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND
OF NATIONWIDE INTEREST. FURNISH EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SUCH AN
EXTENDED PERIOD IS NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION. INTERVIEWS WITH
KLANSMEN REGARDED AS PARTICULARLY PERTINENT AND THIS PHASE OF
INVESTIGATION IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION MUST BE IMMEDIATELY
RESOLVED. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

HET/ras *ras*
(4)

NOTE: Current suspects in the Birmingham area have Klan connectic
and New Orleans and other Southern offices have been interviewing
members of Klan and hate groups as possible suspects in order to
insure this phase of investigation promptly completed. New Orleans
is being instructed by radiogram to expedite remaining interviews.

Tolson _____
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Tele. Room _____
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1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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702
BAPBOMB.

BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF ANONYMOUS TYPEWRITTEN LETTER
POSTMARKED SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER THIRTY, ONE
NINE SIXTYTHREE, SIGNED QUOTE A NEGRO COMMUNIST UNQUOTE.
WRITER INDICATES BOMBING OF NEGRO CHURCH BIRMINGHAM PLANNED
AND EXECUTED BY NEGRO AND WHITE QUOTE COMUNIONISTS UNQUOTE.
WRITER CLAIMS THAT HE IS A QUOTE COMMUNIST UNQUOTE AND
WAS IN ON THE PLANS. HE ALSO INDICATES HE IS MEMBER OF
CORE. *42c* *B*

INDIANAPOLIS REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] JULY FIVE,
ONE NINE SIXTYTHREE, CAPTIONED COMMUNIST PARTY DASH
USA, INDIANA DISTRICT, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION, IS DASH C,
INDICATES THAT SOUTH BEND DASH ELKHART AREA HAS TWENTY
ONE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE AREA AND [REDACTED]

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Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
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OCT 11 1963

VIA TELETYPE

OCT 3 1963

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TELETYPE TO SAC, INDIANAPOLIS
RE: BAPBOMB

REPORT INDICATES INDIANA COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SEVEN
NEGRO MALE AND SIX NEGRO FEMALE MEMBERS. INDIANAPOLIS
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT INFORMANTS FOR INFORMATION BEARING
ON ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITER AND HIS COMMENTS. IN ABSENCE
OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS, BUREAU
AUTHORITY HEREBY GIVEN TO INTERVIEW ALL NEGRO MEMBERS
IN INDIANA COMMUNIST PARTY FOR INFORMATION, IF NECESSARY
TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

SUTEL BUREAU RESULTS OF INFORMANT CONTACTS AND IF
INTERVIEWS OF MEMBERS WILL BE NECESSARY. BIRMINGHAM
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

NOTE: The statistics concerning the number of Communist
Party members in Indiana were obtained from the latest report
submitted by that office. The interviews of Communist Party
members has been discussed with the Domestic Intelligence
Division and they have no objections to these interviews.

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APPROVED BY	CD
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10-10-63

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] 10-4-63.

This report has been reviewed and the following leads are suggested in the event they have not already been covered. The leads are set forth by page number.

Page B [REDACTED]

It should be noted that suspect [REDACTED] owns a white over blue Chevrolet. In addition [REDACTED] owns a 1963 white over blue Chevrolet. Consideration should be given that these may be the cars involved in the Gaston Motel bombing.

Page 26 [REDACTED]

Page 135 [REDACTED]

Photographs of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cars should be exhibited to her.

Page 173 [REDACTED]

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Airtel to Birmingham

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Page 174 [REDACTED] should be reinterviewed to determine if she has any additional information.

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Page 213 Photographs of logical suspects should be shown to [REDACTED] to see if any of them resemble the two white men who [REDACTED]

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Page 234 Efforts should be made to identify the Negro boy who works at the [REDACTED]

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Page 236 [REDACTED]

670
There is a possibility that since no timing device or fuse was found at the bombing scene that a chemical agent could have been used and the bomb may have been planted as early as 9-2-63. In this regard it should be ascertained from people at the church if the area back under the stairs was observed or cleaned out from the period 9-2-63 to the date of the bombing.

670
Page 249 [REDACTED] should be looked into as far as the evening of 9-2-63 is concerned.

Page 261 Efforts should be made to locate and interview [REDACTED] since he was in the telephone booth across from the church at the time of the explosion.

Airtel to Birmingham

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Page 280 [REDACTED]

Page 295 Voice recordings of various suspects in this case should be obtained by pretext interviews over the telephone in order that [REDACTED] and other logical persons who have received bomb threats may listen to them.

Page 365 Interview [REDACTED] brother-in-law of [REDACTED]

Page 364-367 Why is [REDACTED] denying that he owns a [REDACTED]

Page 368 Interview [REDACTED] brother-in-law of [REDACTED]

Page 391 Efforts should be made to locate and interview brother-in-law of [REDACTED] who wanted to know how to make bombs.

Page 392 Interview [REDACTED] employed at the [REDACTED]

Page 493 The owner of the blue Plymouth station wagon Alabama license [REDACTED] should be identified and interviewed. He visited [REDACTED] on September 13, 1963.

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URGENT 10-4-63 8-30 PM EST PP
TO DIRECTOR FBI, AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P

BAPBOMB. BM.

RESVTEL OCT. THREE LAST.

EIGHT ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND NO
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED
CASE.

APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE CONTACTED IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS PROGRAM IN SV DIVISION.

END

WA 9-30 PM OK FBI WA WS

157-1025-46
REC-115

12 OCT 10 1963

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no telegram to SAC, SV
10/7/63
-ET/ra-

10/7/63

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

If no contact today, send
by urgent tel plain text.

TO SAC, SAVANNAH (157-503)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)-404
REC-115

BAPBOMB

RESVTEL OCTOBER FOUR LAST INDICATING APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN
KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE CONTACTED. YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO
INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN BUTEL NINE TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-THREE.
IT APPEARS INTERVIEWS WITH KLANSMEN ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED WITH
THE REQUIRED PREFERRED ATTENTION, IT BEING NOTED THIS CASE IS
OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND OF NATIONWIDE INTEREST. FURNISH
EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD IS NECESSARY FOR
COMPLETION. INTERVIEWS WITH KLANSMEN REGARDED AS PARTICULARLY
PERTINENT AND THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION
MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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NOTE: Savannah by tel 9/21/63 was instructed that sufficient
personnel should be assigned to complete interviews with Klansmen
if possible on a priority basis. In view of the fact that current
suspects have Klan connections in the Birmingham area, radiogram
can be utilized to insure this phase of investigation being
expedited by Savannah.

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VIA RADIOGRAM

OCT 7 1963

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FBI

Date: 10-2-63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
RE: BAPBOMB

The following article appeared in the editorial column of "The Birmingham News" on the evening of October 1, 1963:

"UNKIND CUT

" We do not understand motivation of an editorial in 'The Andalusia Star-News,' a splendid weekly in South Alabama usually with balanced, if often acid, comment.

" Last week the paper referred to Birmingham's difficulties, church bombing, and police and FBI work toward uncovering the criminals. Said the 'Star-News' '... it is certainly very apparent that the investigative arms of the peace officers, that are commanded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are accomplishing nothing.'

" More: 'Every day that goes by, without some arrests in Birmingham by the federal agents, casts a heavy shadow of doubt about the efficiency of the FBI ...

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Mobile (info.) - AM
- 4 - Birmingham
- 2 - 157-352
- 1 - 66-1870
- 1 - 80-173 ("The Birmingham News")

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157-1025-405

OCT 4 1963

CORRESPONDENCE

Approved: Wick

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

SLX
THA


BH 157-352


The KENNEDY men have taken over in Birmingham, with local and state authorities having a minimum of jurisdiction.'

" These statements are patently false or misleading and they malign not only dedicated FBI agents but the community of Birmingham. No one has 'taken over' this city.

" We regret dissemination of such information about our city in any area of this state."

It is obvious that "The Birmingham News," in this instance, rallied to our defense and in language which is probably as strong as any newspaper normally sees fit to use for comment with respect to another newspaper, particularly in the same state. "The Birmingham News" endeavored to set the record straight.

62-16

It is my recommendation that the Director immediately send Mr. TOWNSEND a letter thanking him for his comments in the editorial.

yes. 
A copy of this letter is designated for Mobile for information as "The Andalusia Star-News" is located within the Mobile Division.

Memorandum

DATE: 10/8/63

SUBJECT: C.BAPBOMB

Mobile has 15 persons on the bombing suspect list. Immediately after notice of instant bombing on 9/15/63, investigation was conducted to determine their whereabouts. Thirteen of the suspects were eliminated through personal observation, neighborhood sources, and racial informants. The other two bombing suspects, [REDACTED] of Mobile, and [REDACTED] of Montgomery, were not completely eliminated through this investigation.

A pretext telephone call to

car was observed in the driveway of his home on the afternoon of 9/15/63, and a pretext call to [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as the investigation concerning these bombing suspects was negative, the information is not being set forth in report form, but is recorded in Mobile files.

2 - Bureau
2 - Birmingham (157-352)
2 - Mobile

REGISTERED

BCC

MO 157-416

Racial informants and potential racial informants of the Mobile Office were contacted on 9/15/63, but could furnish no information concerning instant bombing. They were alerted to immediately report any information they may obtain in the future pertinent to this matter.

Interviews conducted with the persons on the Mobile bombing suspect list and members of Klan and hate type organizations, including former Klansmen, have been conducted, but no information of value to this case was developed through these interviews. In accordance with the suggestions of the Birmingham Office, the original FD-302s for these interviews are being maintained in Mobile file with copies of FD-302s in the individual case files of the persons interviewed, where such files exist. As the interviews were negative in results, the FD-302s are not being included in report being submitted by Mobile.

The persons in the above-mentioned categories who were interviewed by the Mobile Office negatively are identified below for the information of the Bureau and Birmingham:

MOBILE, ALABAMA

- 6206
1. [REDACTED]
 2. [REDACTED]
 3. [REDACTED]
 4. [REDACTED]
 5. [REDACTED]

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24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

60-14

Numerous leads have been received from the Birmingham Office to identify automobile license numbers. These leads are covered promptly and submitted to Birmingham by separate communication, and this data is not being included in the report being submitted by Mobile.

MO 157-416

It was felt that the names of persons on the bombing suspect list and Klan and hate group members in Mobile and Montgomery should be checked against [REDACTED]

6/19

By airtel dated 9/19/63, the names of the persons to be checked from Mobile and Montgomery was submitted to the Bureau, Atlanta and Birmingham, with a request that Atlanta contact [REDACTED] in Atlanta to check [REDACTED] to determine if these persons were listed. Report of other investigation by Mobile is being submitted in report form.

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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
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U R G E N T 10-8-63 11-40 PM CST JP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 10P
BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

CHARLES CAGLE TRIED RECORDERS COURT, BIRMINGHAM, BEFORE JUDGE J. EARL LANGER. CAGLE ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY MATT H. MURPHY, JR. CITY PROSECUTOR WILLIAM THOMPSON. DURING TRIAL SIGNED STATEMENT TAKEN FROM CAGLE BY AHP INVESTIGATOR CAPTAIN ROY GOODWIN READ IN OPEN COURT.

CAGLE TOLD STATE INVESTIGATOR THAT AFTER DYNAMITE PLACED IN FIELD BY HALL AND CAGLE IT WAS REMOVED BY LEVIE SIDNEY YARBROUGH AND TAKEN TO YARBROUGH-S HOME WHERE HIDDEN UNTIL HE WAS RECONTACTED BY CAGLE AT LATER DATE AND THEN WAS REPLACED IN FIELD. TWO OTHER WITNESSES TOOK STAND, FIRE MARSHAL KELLY WHO TESTIFIED THAT NEITHER HALL, CAGLE NOR CHAMBLISS HAD PERMIT FOR POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE IN BIRMINGHAM CITY LIMITS, COL. AL J. LINGO WHO TESTIFIED AS TO LENGTH OF TIME SUBJECTS HELD IN CUSTODY. CAGLE FOUND GUILTY BY JUDGE AND SENTENCED TO PAY ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE PLUS

END PAGE ONE

OCT 16 1963

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Rosen & Belmont
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COSTS AND SIX MONTHS AT HARD LABOR. NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN.

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TEN MEMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY. DESCRIPTIONS, BACKGROUND, ALIBIS OBTAINED. NONE ADMITTED HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF BOMBINGS.

END PAGE FIVE

PAGE SIX

MISCELLANEOUS

AT ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE A.M. CST, OCT. EIGHT,
SAC RAY L. FAISST RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THEY COULD

GET TOGETHER SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE. SAC
FAISST ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT WE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH
OTHER AGENCIES, THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO
HAVE AND CLANDESTINE MEETINGS WITH ANYONE, AND THAT
THE DEALINGS OF THIS OFFICE WERE OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD,
AND THAT IF [REDACTED] DESIRED TO HAVE A MEETING HE
SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DROP BY THE FBI OFFICE ON THE
FOURTEENTH FLOOR OF THE TWENTYONE TWENTYONE BLDG.

[REDACTED] STATED HE FELT IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO
THE CASE IF HE WERE OBSERVED BY ANYONE IN THE
FBI OFFICE. HE WAS TOLD THAT SAC FAISST DID NOT CONCUR
WITH THAT OBSERVATION. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THIS
OFFICE ENCOUNTERED THE SAME DIFFICULTY AS THE POLICE
AND SO IN ENDEAVORING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM
THE NIGHT THE ALA. HIGHWAY PATROL PICKED UP A NUMBER OF
END PAGE SIX

PAGE SEVEN

SUSPECTS, AND THAT EACH TIME AN INQUIRY WAS MADE
THE REPLY CAME BACK THAT [REDACTED] WAS UNAVAILABLE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS UNAVAILABLE
BECAUSE HE WAS BUSY AND SAID QUOTE I HAVE NO APOLOGY
TO MAKE CONCERNING ANY OF MY ACTIONS UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS REMENDED THAT HE INJECTED THE WORD QUOTE
APOLOGY UNQUOTE INTO THE CONVERSATION AS ONE HAD NOT
BEEN REQUESTED, AND [REDACTED] AGREED THAT THIS WAS TRUE.

[REDACTED] STATED HE DID NOT ADVISE THIS OFFICE OF THE
IDENTITY OF SUSPECTS HE HAD PICKED UP

BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THOSE IN WHICH

WE HAD AN INTEREST, AND THE ONLY WAY HE FOUND OUT
ABOUT ANY INTEREST WE HAD WAS FROM THE SUSPECTS
THEMSELVES. HE WAS INFORMED THAT IT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THE IRON CLAD POLICY OF THE FBI TO COOPERATE
ONE HUNDRED PERCENT WITH AGENCIES THAT COOPERATE
WITH US, BUT QUITE FRANKLY IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE
WE COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH ANY JOINT
END PAGE SEVEN

PAGE EIGHT

OPERATION THAT INVOLVED PARTICIPATION OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND IT WAS A KNOWN FACT AMONG NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE WERE KLANSMEN PRESENT OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION AT AHP HQS. THE NIGHT THE PICKUPS TOOK PLACE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT IT WAS TRUE THAT BOB SHELTON, THE IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, WAS PRESENT AT THE AHP OFFICE ON THAT EVENING, BUT THAT HE, [REDACTED] WAS VERY MUCH SURPRISED TO SEE SHELTON THERE, AND HE ORDERED SHELTON OFF THE PREMISES. 425

THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN NORMAL, FRIENDLY, BUSINESSLIKE TONES, BUT AFTER [REDACTED] REALIZED THAT OUR POSITION IN THIS MATTER WAS FIM, HE TERMINATED THE CONVERSAITION, BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE AROUND THE CITY HALL THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, AND MADE NO FURTHER INQUIRY CONCERNING A POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-8-63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
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Sullivan _____
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Holmes _____
Gandy _____

On 10-7-63 while Agents were interviewing

appeared at the [redacted] and began to examine the Bureau car parked in front. Agents asked for his identification and he claimed he was a taxpayer and as such had the right to examine government property.

He was told in no uncertain terms he could not and was made to identify himself . He had no selective service card and he was told to report to FBI Headquarters in Birmingham within 24 hours as he could not substantiate the birthdate or his identification and appeared youthful.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
RBL:pab
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

6-2-63
The Birmingham Office as part of its investigation into possible Nation of Islam (NOI) people being involved in the bombing has been contacting [REDACTED]

6-2-63
Efforts are being made to contact girl friends of Klan members who are associates of [REDACTED]. Some have already been contacted without pertinent information being developed.

A meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights was held on 10-7-63 at St. James Baptist Church, Birmingham. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. made a statement that bigger than ever demonstrations would take place in Birmingham if conditions which led to the church bombing are not rectified.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Date: 10/9/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: D DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-148)(RUC)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re BH airtels 9/18,24,29/63.

Racial informants and sources of Buffalo Office
have no information concerning captioned matter.

3 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Birmingham (157-352)
1 - Buffalo

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

U R G E N T

10-9-63

10-17PM CST JP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

[REDACTED]

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10/10/63
Rosen*

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~~ROBERT~~ ~~CHAMBLISS~~
JOHN WESLEY ~~HALL~~ AND ROBERT E. ~~CHAMBLISS~~ ENTERED NOT GUILTY
PLEAS TODAY IN BIRMINGHAM RECORDERS COURT AND AFTER TESTIMONY
BY STATE INVESTIGATORS WERE FOUND GUILTY ON CHARGES OF
POSSESSION, TRANSPORTING AND AIDING AND ABETTING IN THE
POSSESSION OF AND TRANSPORTING DYNAMITE IN THE CITY LIMITS
OF BIRMINGHAM. BOTH MEN WERE FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PLUS
COSTS OF COURT AND SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS HARD LABOR. BOTH
MEN THROUGHT THEIR ATTORNEYS HAVE ENTERED AN APPEAL AND ARE OUT
ON BOND. NO DYNAMITE PRESENTED BY STATE AS EVIDENCE BUT MAJOR
BILL JONES, AHP, TESTIFIED AS TO FINDING IT. INVESTIGATOR W. R.
POSEY TESTIFIED HE WENT TO CHAMBLISS HOME ON SEPTEMBER
TWENTYNINE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER UNIDENTIFIED STATE OFFICERS AND
DON LUNA, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS AN INSURANCE MAN WHO WENT INTO
CHAMBLISS HOME WITH HIM, WHILE OTHERS STAYED IN CAR. NOTED IN
THE COURTROOM WERE MILTON ~~HARGIS~~, DON ~~LUNA~~, GENE ~~REEVES~~, ROBERT
~~THOMAS~~, W. A. ~~MORGAN~~, AND ROBERT ~~SHELTON~~.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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NOI.

FIVE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS INTERVIEWS TODAY. NOTHING
PERTINENTLY DEVELOPED.
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[REDACTED]

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE REVEALED [REDACTED] ARRIVED HOME ABOUT ONE FORTYFIVE. AFTER SHORT CONVERSATION WITH FATHER CONCERNING [REDACTED] THEY WENT FOR A DRIVE. RETURNED ABOUT SIX THIRTY AND IMMEDIATELY LEFT AGAIN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBORS IN VICINITY OF BOMBED CHURCH AS WELL AS CHURCH MEMBERS AND CAR OWNERS IN THE VICINITY INTERVIEWED. NOTHING PERTINENT DEVELOPED.

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EIGHTYONE INTERVIEWS TODAY. THREE HUNDRED NINETY
ONE PENDING. THREE PCI PAREN RAC END PAREN FILES OPENED.

END ACK

WA 12-26 AM OK FBI WA LET

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Indianapolis (157-93)**

Date: **October 8, 1963**

BAPBOMB

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

Examination requested by:

Reference: **Bureau, Indianapolis**

**157-1025
D-432785 IK
D-432755 IK**

Examination requested: **Bureau teletype to Indianapolis dated 10/3/63
Airtel dated 10/4/63**

Remarks: **Document - Fingerprint**

The results of the latent fingerprint examination of specimens Q11 and Q12 will be furnished by separate report.

In compliance with your teletype dated 10/4/63, photographs of specimens Q11 and Q12 are attached hereto for your investigative assistance.

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REC 46 **157-1025-413**

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COMM-FBI

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
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**Enclosures (9) (K22 through K26; photographs of Q11, Q12; 2 Lab report
1 - Birmingham Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Mr. Lavin (room 2268) (sent direct)
WFO: gk (6)**

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64 OCT 11 1963 MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Indianapolis (157-93)**Date: **October 8, 1963**Re: **BAPBOMB**FBI File No. **157-1025**Lab. No. **D-432785 IK**
D-432755 IKSpecimens received **10/7/63**

Specimens available in Bureau

- Q11** Envelope bearing typewritten address "J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.,"
postmarked "SOUTH BEND, IND. SEP 30 1963 5-PM"
- Q12** One-page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Sir:
This is to..." ending "...Sincerley Yours A Negro
Communionist"

Specimens received 10/7/63 from Indianapolis

- K22** One page of The Ripsaw, South Bend, Indiana, entitled
"Brainwashing" typed by [REDACTED]
- K23** Five-page issue of The Ripsaw, South Bend, Indiana,
dated December-1957, typed by [REDACTED]
- K24** Five-page report entitled "Plan "D" " prepared by
[REDACTED]
- K25** One sheet of paper entitled "Floridation is a RED HOAX,"
prepared by [REDACTED]
- K26** One sheet of paper entitled "FLUORIDATION EXPOSED,"
prepared by [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

Specimens Q11 and Q12 were determined to have been
prepared on a typewriter equipped with Royal pica type, the
letters of which are spaced ten to the inch.

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
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Conrad _____
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Specimens Q11 and Q12 were searched through the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without identifying them with any of the writings therein. A representative copy is not being added to the file at this time.

No indented writing, watermarks, or other data through which the source of specimens Q11 and Q12 might be determined were located on these documents.

It was determined that specimens Q11 and Q12 were not prepared on any of the typewriters used in the preparation of specimens K22 through K26.

Specimens K22 through K26 are returned herewith. Specimens Q11 and Q12 have been retained. Photographs were not made of specimens K22 through K26.

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10-7-63
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # **157-1025 413**
Lab. # **D-432785 IK**

L A T E N T

Examination requested by: **Bureau** (*Teletype to Indianapolis dated 10/3/63*)

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Date received: **10-7-63 4:10**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED] 7/63**

- 1- Specimens Q11 & Q12 were det. to have been prepared on a typewriter equipped with Royal Pica type - 10 to 12 inch.
- 2- No ident ALF - copy not added.
- 3- No indented writing, nor other data through which the source of spec Q11 & Q12 might be determined were located on these docs.
- 4- Spec Q11 & Q12 no ident K22-K26.
- 5- Return K22-K26 - Keep Q11 & Q12 - Photo were not made of K22-K26.

TFD In compliance with your Tel dated 10/4/63, photo of spec Q11 & Q12 are attached hereto for your investigative assistance. Available in Bureau. Specimens submitted for examination

Q11 Envelope bearing typewritten address "J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.," postmarked "SOUTH BEND, IND. SEP 30 1963 5-PM"

One-page

Q12 /Typewritten letter ~~beginning~~ beginning "Dear Sir: This is to ..." ending ~~...~~ "...Sincerley Yours A Negro Commuionist"

① The result of a LFP exam of Q11 & Q12 will be furnished by a rep. report.

Q11 & Q12 K24 K25

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Royal #485

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10-8-63
WSD*

1 - Birmingham

1 - Mr. Lavin (Rm 2268) ant direct

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NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # **157-1025** 4/3
Lab. # **D-432755** IK

Examination requested by: **Indianapolis (157-93) Airtel 10-4-63**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **10-7-63**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED] 10/7/63
[REDACTED]

See D-432785-

Specimens submitted for examination

- K22 K8 One page of The Ripsaw, South Bend, Indiana, entitled "Brainwashing" typed by [REDACTED]
- K23 K8 Five-page #66 issue of The Ripsaw, South Bend, Indiana, dated December-1957, typed by [REDACTED]
- K24 K8 Five-page report entitled "Plan "D" " prepared by [REDACTED]
- K25 K8 One sheet of paper entitled "Floridation is a RED HOAX," prepared by [REDACTED]
- K26 K9 One sheet of paper entitled "FLUORIDATION EXPOSED," prepared by [REDACTED]

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # **157-1025 413**
Lab. # **D-432785 IK**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **10-**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED]**

Return Q11 & Q12 to Soc. Sec. - Two

Q11 and Q12 to LFPS 9:00 AM 10/9/63

*Q11 & Q12 returned to [REDACTED] Per Lab 10-9-63
LFPS answered separately 10/9/63*

Specimens submitted for examination

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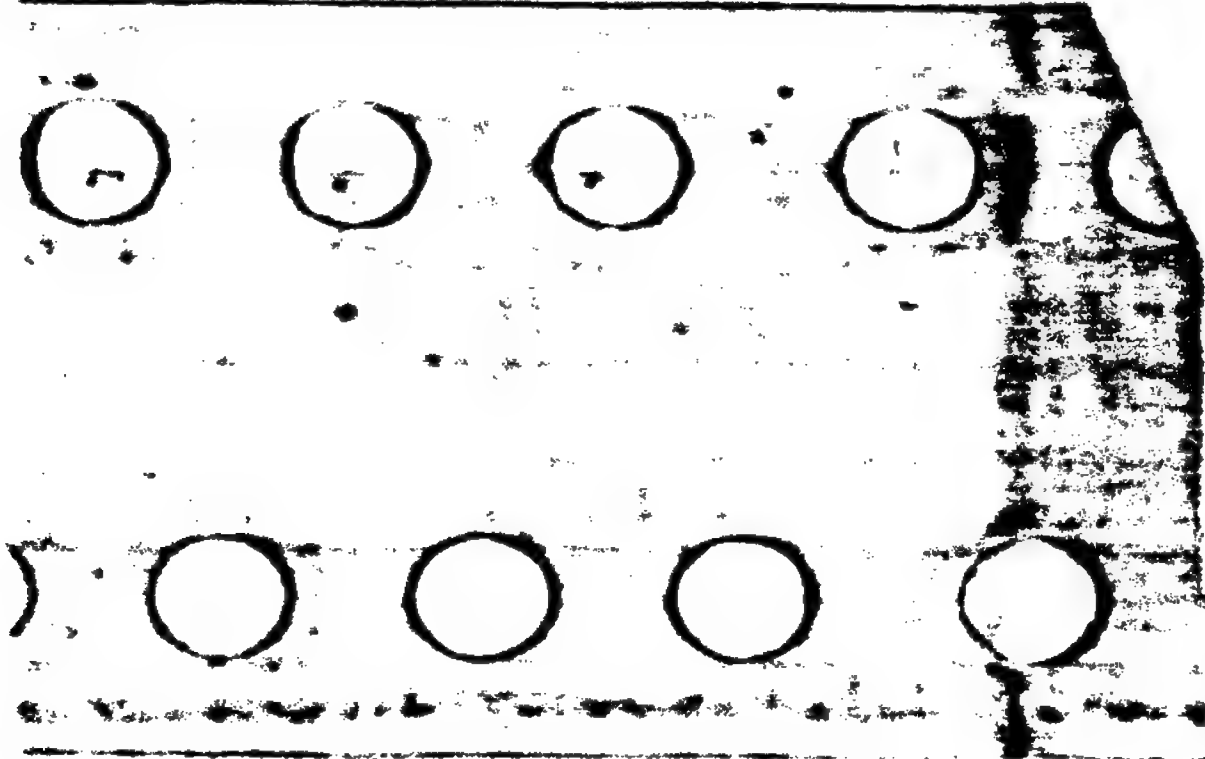
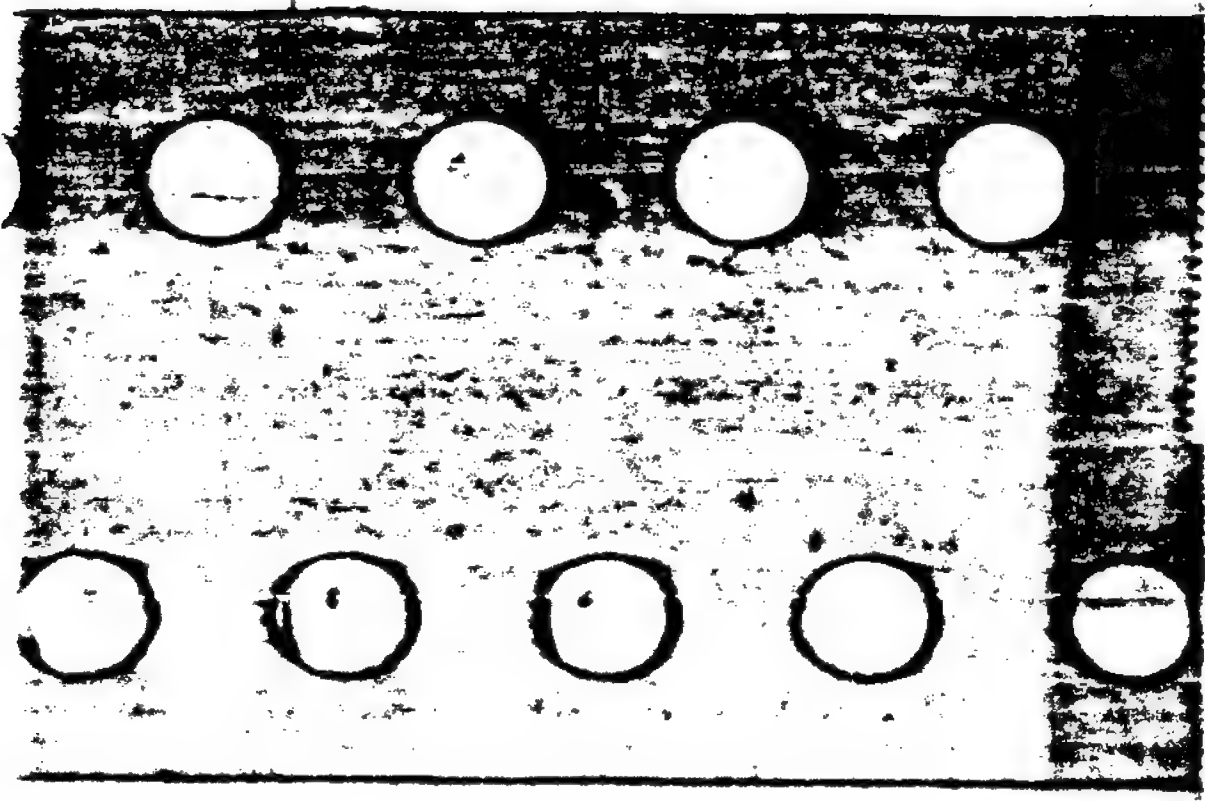
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MR. TOLSON _____
MR. BELMONT ☒ _____
MR. MOHR _____
MR. CASPER _____
MR. CALLAHAN _____
MR. CONRAD _____
MR. DELOACH ☒ _____
MR. EVANS _____
MR. GALE ☒ _____
MR. ROSEN ☒ _____
MR. SULLIVAN _____
MR. TAVEL _____
MR. TROTTER _____
MR. JONES _____
TELE. ROOM _____
MISS HOLMES _____
MRS. METCALF _____
MISS GANDY _____

Tel 1P 10/3/63
RBL:SDA

6-11



J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to let you know that the bombing of the Negro church in Birmingham was planned and executed by the Negro and White Communists which killed the 4 girls. Murder to these people does not mean a thing.~~tz~~.

I am a communist and was in on the plans this was done in order to gain the sympathy of the whole world and this country, and especially the religious organisations for they are the most gullable.

Please put your best men on this and uncover this ingenious plot, and expose this scheme to the public before it is too late. Some of the other bombings in Birmingham is also being done by the Negroes themselves. Do not try to trace me for I would be killed tomorrow if fellow members found out that I was a info. I am also a member of CORE which is composed of mostly Commies

Sincerely Yours

A Negro Communist

Dear Sir:

This is to let you know that the bombing of the Negro church in Birmingham was planed and executed by the Negro and White comunionists which killed the 4 girls. Murder to these people does not mean a thing.~~km~~.

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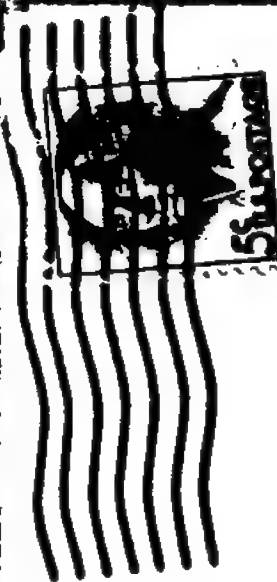
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Sincerley Yours

A Negro Commuionist

157-1025 Q12

Q11



J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 10/7/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/16/63 - 10/3/63
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 (<i>PH/100B</i>)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYP 1
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS; RACIAL MATTERS <i>47</i>	

REFERENCES:

Birmingham teletype and Bureau teletype dated
9/15/63.

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LEADS:ATLANTAAT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Leads in this case have been set forth by separate
airtel and will not be listed herein.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE:		⑤ Bureau (157-1025) 3 - Birmingham (157-352) 2 - Atlanta (157-582)		157-1025-415 8 OCT 14 1963 EX-116	
1 cc Org Unit				STA. SECT.	
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT				NOTATIONS	
AGENCY.....	<i>Crim. Div.</i>				
REQUEST RECD.					
DATE FWD.	<i>6/29/64</i>				
HOW FWD.	<i>6-84-8</i>				
BY	<i>hit - dyl</i>				

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report contains only the interviews of the Klan and hate group subjects, and does not contain other investigation conducted by Atlanta. This investigation is being incorporated in separate teletypes and airtels and will be incorporated in subsequent report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 42c

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
October 7, 1963

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #:

157-582

Bureau File #: 157-1025

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

Character:

BOMBING MATTERS; RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Numerous officers and members of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups interviewed concerning bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63. Persons interviewed could furnish no information concerning the bombing with the exception of [REDACTED]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wants to confer with Birmingham FBI as he is concerned about lack of cooperation.

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Recommend that if he wants to talk to FBI at Birmingham he can meet SACs Faisst and Roy Moore at Birmingham Office. No meeting outside of office is necessary on a clandestine basis. Moore and Faisst are ready to lay it on the line to [REDACTED] that State Police had Klan members riding in State Police cars, that they picked up various suspects and didn't tell FBI, Birmingham Police Department or Sheriff's office a thing about it, and when SAC Faisst tried to contact [REDACTED] he was unavailable; that no information given by him to FBI re arrest of Chambliss or Cagle; consequently, FBI has no other choice than to rely on [REDACTED] actions which speak louder than words.

If approved, SAC's Faisst and Moore will be instructed to meet with [REDACTED] in the event he wants to see them at our office at Birmingham.

*I concur 10/2/63 [signature]
[signature]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 7 - 1963

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Evans ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

URGENT 10-7-63 1-00 PM MCM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/

BAPBOMB.

ON THIS DATE AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY AM CST

TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED SRA [REDACTED] AT MONTGOMERY, AND STATED HE
EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN FBI AND
HIS DEPT. IN BIRMINGHAM DURING CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS OF INSTANT
MATTER. STATED HE FELT FBI IN BIRMINGHAM WAS DESIROUS OF
OBTAINING ALL INFO OBTAINED BY STATE INVESTIGATORS BUT WAS
UNWILLING TO FURNISH ANY INFO THE FBI DEVELOPED TO STATE
INVESTIGATORS. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, STATE THAT ON ONE OCCASION
HIS DEPT. HAD FURNISHED LEADS TO THE FBI AND THEN THE FBI
DECLINED TO ADVISE THE INVESTIGATORS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION
OF THESE LEADS. HE DID NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY THE LEADS.

SRA [REDACTED] INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE DEPT.
PUBLIC SAFETY WAS NOT FURNISHING IMPORTANT INFO OBTAINED BY
IT TO THE FBI.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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██████████ STATED WAS WILLING TO MEET WITH FBI REPRESENTATIVES IN BIRMINGHAM AND FURNISH TO THEM ALL INFO IN POSSESSION OF HIS DEPT. TO DATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBINGS IN BIRMINGHAM.

HE STATED HIS DEPT. HAS SOME EXCELLENT INFO. AND FEELS IF THE INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONDUCTED IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER ALL THE BOMBINGS IN BIRMINGHAM CAN BE COMPLETELY SOLVED. HE REPEATED HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT EXCHANGE OF INFO SHOULD BE ON A ONE WAY BASIS AND THAT A FREE EXCHANGE BETWEEN HIS DEPT. AND THE FBI SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

██████████ STATED THAT WHILE HE COMPLETELY DETESTS THE KLAN GROUP, HE DOES FEEL HE HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF NOT ONLY CERTAIN KLANSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, BUT POSSIBLY OTHER KLANSMEN, AND FEELS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET FURTHER IN TALKING TO THEM THAN THE FBI SINCE THE KLAN GROUP IS SCARED OF THE FBI AND ~~QUOTE~~ DOES NOT TRUST

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THE FBI, ~~UNQUOTE~~. [REDACTED] STATED ON ONE OCCASION ROBERT SHELTON CAME TO THE HIGHWAY PATROL STATION AT A TIME WHEN A LARGE NUMBER OF KLANSMEN WERE BEING INTERVIEWED AND STARTED TELLING THE KLANSMEN THEY SHOULD NOT TALK OR COOPERATE IN ANY WAY. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE PERSONALLY ORDERED SHELTON TO LEAVE THE PREMISES AND TO NOT FURTHER INTERFERE WITH THE STATE/S INVESTIGATION.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS TO RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM TONIGHT, THAT HE WILL CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEYS CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF SOME OF THE KLANSMEN WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND THEN WILL BE TIED UP DURING THE TRIAL WHICH BEGINS AT ONE THIRTY PM. [REDACTED] STATED AFTER THE TRIAL IS OVER HE WILL CALL SAC FAHIST AND ARRANGE, IF POSSIBLE, TO MEET WITH HIM OR OTHER FBI REPRESENTATIVES AT A MEETING PLACE TO BE SELECTED DURING THE CONVERSATION, AND IF THE FBI IS WILLING, HE WILL THEN MEET WITH THEM AND FURNISH ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION.

[REDACTED] ADDED HE DOES NOT FEEL THE FBI OFFICE OR THE BIRMINGHAM P.D. WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO MEET AS HE HAS FOUND THAT ANY MEETING HELD AT THE PD ARE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED UP
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42 BY THE NEWS MEDIA AND IF IT IS NECESSARY TO BRING SOME OF THE
KLANSMEN FOR INTERVIEWS BY THE FBI, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MEET
IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN THAT OCCUPIED BY THE FBI.

63c [REDACTED] ADVISED HE FEELS SO KEENLY THAT COMPLETE COOPERATION
SHOULD EXIST IN THIS INVESTIGATION, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER
INVESTIGATION IF THIS STATE, HE IS WILLING TO ASSIGN STATE
INVESTIGATORS TO WORK ALONGSIDE FBI AGENT IF THIS WOULD ENHANCE
THE INVESTIGATION.

[REDACTED] ALSO STATED HE FELT PERSONAL JEALOUSIES AND ANIMOSI-
TIES, AS WELL AS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POLITICAL OVERTONES, HAD
CREATED THE RIFT BETWEEN THE FBI AND HIS DEPT. AND HE FEELS
THAT THESE ~~QUOTE~~ THORNS ~~UNQUOTE~~ CAN BE REMOVED BY A MEETING
BETWEEN HIMSELF AND FBI REPRESENTATIVE.

THIS CONFIRMS TELEPHONIC INFO FURNISHED SAC ROY K. MOORE
AT BIRMINGHAM TODAY.

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CC-MR. ROSEN + Mr. McGowan

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URGENT 10-13-63 7-53 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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Memo Recd to
Belmont 10/14/63

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES BEING MADE IN AREA OF NSRP HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITIES WHERE KNOWN MEMBERS RESIDE CONCERNING THIS GROUP BECAUSE THEIR NON-COOPERATIVE AND INSULTING ATTITUDE APPARENTLY HAS RESULTED IN THE PUBLIC LOOKING UPON THEM WITH EXTREME DISFAVOR. INQUIRIES CONTINUING.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEADS SET FORTH IN BUAIRTEL DATED OCT. TEN, SIXTYTHREE, THIS CASE RESULTING FROM REVIEW OF REPORT DATED OCT. FOUR, HAD ALL BEEN ASSIGNED AND WERE BEING WORKED AT TIME OF RECEIPT. [REDACTED] MENTIONED IN THIS TEL WILL BE AFFORDED POLYGRAPH WHEN LOCATED.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRY BEING MADE INTO BACKGROUNDS PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS, INCLUDING NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRIES, INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND OTHER SOURCES IN AN ENDEAVOR TO POSITIVELY PINPOINT WHEREABOUTS THESE INDIVIDUALS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS WHEN BOMBINGS OCCURRED FOLLOWING WHICH ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH THEM WILL BE CONDUCTED.

TWENTYEIGHT INTERVIEWS TODAY, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETYTWO PENDING. TWO PCI PAREN RAC PAREN FILES OPENED.

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10-04 PM OK FBI WA RL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: **October 4, 1963**

FROM : A. Rosen

**SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS**

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c.c. Mr. Tolson.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

Birmingham is going all out on this right now and trying to develop much background information and pressing all possible leads concerning this phase.

SAC Moore when he is through interrogating [REDACTED] You will be
advised of additional developments.

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- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
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M. J. [unclear]

W. J. [unclear]

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U R G E N T 10-10-63 9-11 PM CST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.
CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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Rosen & Belmont 10/10/63
R3L: PAB.
cc - Harris

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MISCELLANEOUS.

SEVENTY ONE INTERVIEWS TODAY. THREE THREE SIX
PENDING. ONE PCI PAREN RAC END PAREN FILE OPENED.
END ACK PLS

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FBI

Date: 10/10/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 10/3/63, which states a review of communications in this matter indicated that four leads might not have been covered.

1. Portland teletype dated 9/29/63, concerning [REDACTED] he does not have a son named [REDACTED] and is obviously not identical with [REDACTED]. Other investigation failed to identify [REDACTED] in Birmingham and no further action being taken in this matter.

2. Concerning an automobile parked in the front of East End Baptist Church, Birmingham - The owner of this automobile was identified and interviewed. He gave a logical explanation for being at that specific location the date in question.

3. Concerning [REDACTED] A separate case file has been opened on this individual and investigation being conducted concerning his background as a suspect in this matter.

4. Concerning information furnished by [REDACTED]

3- Bureau
3- Birmingham {2- 157-352
 {1- 157-345}

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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5. All Special Agents working on this case have been advised that when suspects are identified and interviewed that any pliers or wire cutters they may have in their possession should be obtained and samples cuttings made to be submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

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Date: 10/5/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAPBOMB

There is being forwarded under separate cover one package containing four colored exposures of [REDACTED] which were taken 10/5/63. It is requested that the Laboratory make 30 copies of the best picture and three copies each of the remaining pictures and forward the prints to Birmingham by airmail. It is requested this request be handled expeditiously in order that they may be in possession of Birmingham as soon as possible.

④ - Bureau (AM)
(1 - package)
2 - Birmingham
[REDACTED]

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Film devel &
Prints made
Fwd to Birmingham
C. C. Wick
10/10/63

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10/10/63
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Approved: RK

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 4, 1963

The attached post card was sent to
the Director by [REDACTED]

The card reads:

"10/3/63

Sir:

Your inactivity in the solution of
the cruel-inhuman murder of the 6 so-
called negro children in Alabama-proves
your real self. You and all your kind will
see this country turned up-side down. You
are worse than a "swine" --

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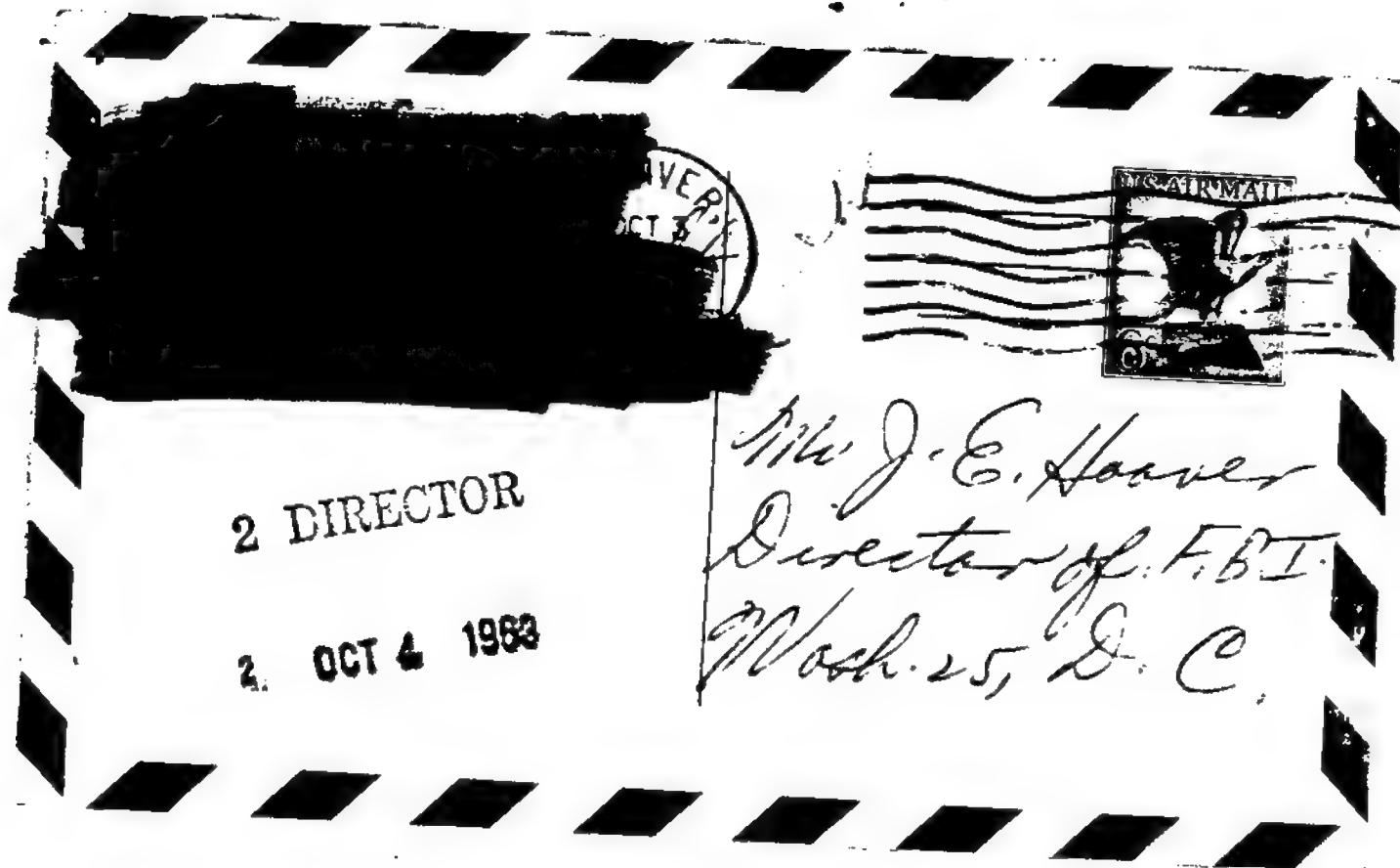
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MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. DELOACH ✓
MR. MOHR ✓
MR. CASPER ✓
MR. CALLAHAN ✓
MR. CONRAD ✓
MR. DELCACH ✓
MR. EVANS ✓
MR. GALE ✓
MR. ROSEN ✓
MR. SULLIVAN ✓
MR. TAYLOR ✓
MR. TROTTER ✓
MR. JONES ✓
TELE. ROOM ✓
MISS HOLMES ✓
MRS. METCALF ✓
MISS GANDY ✓

MEMO
SAC Birmingham
10-9-63
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mem
SAC Denver
10-9-63
JH/akw

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10/3/63:

Sir:

Your inactivity in the solution
of the cruel inhuman murder
of the so-called negro children
in Alabama - proves your real
self. You and all your kind
"will see this country turned up
side down, you are worse than
a swine" —

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SAC, Denver

October 9, 1963

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Director, FBI

157-1025-1135

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Enclosed are two copies of a postal card from captioned individual who cannot be identified in Bufiles. In view of the antagonism expressed in this communication, it has not been acknowledged. This is being furnished for information only.

Enclosures (2)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

OCT 10 10 03 AM '63

sent/gm
REC'D DIRECTOR

NY 10-12-63

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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URGENT 10-12-63

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

BAPBOMB, RACIAL MATTER

2-24 AM SAV

TELETYPE

Mac Jones

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE BUTEL TEN ELEVEN SIXTYTHREE.

MATERIAL REQUESTED IN RETEL ON BOARD EAL FLIGHT NINE TWO ONE
ARRIVING ATLANTA FIVE AM THIS DATE. ATLANTA ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.
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Mr. Evans	
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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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URGENT 10-12-63 7-43 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 4P

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ADDITIONAL MEMBERS NOI INTERVIEWED. BACKGROUND OBTAINED.
NONE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF BOMBINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[REDACTED]

END PAGE THREE.

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PAGE FOUR.

[REDACTED] ARRIVED HOME OF RELATIVE ON SCHEDULE EVENING OF OCT ELEVEN LAST. DID NOT LEAVE RESIDENCE. DURING SATURDAY, OCT TWELVE INSTANT, LEFT HOME ON TWO OCCASIONS, ONE WITH BROTHER IN LAW TO SHOPPING CENTER AND ON SECOND OCCASION VISITED A PERSON IN AN APARTMENT LOCATED IN FULTONDALE VILLAGE, SUBURBAN BIRMINGHAM, WHOSE IDENTITY IS NOW BEING ASCERTAINED AND COULD POSSIBLY BE THAT PERSON [REDACTED] WAS GOING TO CONTACT IN AN ENDEAVOR TO SECURE INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER WHILE HERE.

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS TODAY SIXTYFOUR. PENDING INTERVIEWS THREE EIGHT SEVEN.

END

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9-55 PM OK FBI WA RL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. 157-93
 FBI FILE NO. 157-1025
 LATENT CASE NO. 45563

October 10, 1963

TO: SAC, Indianapolis

RE: BAPBOMB;

REFERENCE: Bureau Teletype 10-3-63 to, Indianapolis
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Bureau
 SPECIMENS: Q11, envelope
 Q12, note

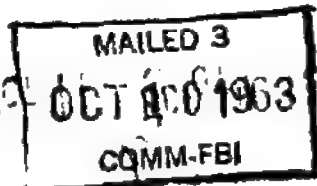
Envelope addressed to the Director and accompanying
 letter examined, but no latents developed. Evidence retained
 at Bureau.

Laboratory report separate.

1 - Birmingham
 1 - Mr. Lavin, Rm. 2268, JE

JEB:cjp
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LBI

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Recorded: 10-9-63/11:00am

Laboratory Work Sheet

Received: 10-9-63/cbg

Re: BAPBOMB

File # 157-1025 441
Lab. # D-432785 IK

LC# 45563

L A T E N T

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 10-7-63

Result of Examination:

Examination by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q11 Envelope bearing typewritten address "J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.,"
postmarked "SOUTH BEND, IND. SEP 30 1963 5-PM"

One-page

Q12 /Typewritten letter beginning "Dear Sir: This is
to ..." ending "...Sincerley Yours A Negro
Communionist"

*Evidence examined no latents
developed,
Evidence returned to For Lab,*

Examination completed: Date

Time

Dictated: Date

1- Bureau

1- Mr. Tamm (100-2268)

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MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT 10/15/63

URGENT 10-14-63 4-54 PM EST TTI
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC-S, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/,
AND LOS ANGELES /157-693/
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS /157-93/ 3P

BAPBOMB.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL OCTOBER THIRTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED]

EVANSVILLE PRESS NEWSPAPER REFLECTS MISS AMERICA PAGEANT
APPEARED SEPTEMBER SEVEN LAST.

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C. [Signature]

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MEMO LESSON TO BELMONT 10/15/63

URGENT 10-14-63 11-32PM CST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
BAPBOMB, DAILY SUMMARY, ETAL.
CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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NSRP.

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, SURVEILLED FROM NSRP HEADQUARTERS, BIRMINGHAM, TO COUNTRY BOY DRIVE IN, BIRMINGHAM, WHERE HE TALKED WITH [REDACTED] OF KNOXVILLE, TENN., AND [REDACTED] NSRP, WHO WAS DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYTWO RAMBLER BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE TENN. LICENSE [REDACTED]

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

ENTERED DRIVE IN THEN RETURNED TO NSRP HDQTRS. AT TEN FIFTYONE AM, I
PROCEEDED TO TRAVEL TOWARD TUSCALOOSA, ALA. CHECKED BY AHP EN
ROUTE. ^{4:35} 7-~~545~~ TO LOCATE [REDACTED] TODAY, HOWEVER,
LANDLORD STATES HE WILL AGAIN BE MOVING AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THREE INTERVIEWS REMAIN OUT OF CAR RENTAL PROJECT IN ENDEAVOR
TO ASCERTAIN IF RENTED CAR MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED FOR BOMBING.
REMAINDER CHECKED NEGATIVELY. LEADS OUTSTANDING TO INTERVIEW
REMAINING THREE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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END PAGE FOUR

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[REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL CHURCH MEMBERS CONTACTED. NOTHING NEW LEARNED.

[REDACTED]

SEVENTY INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED. FOUR HUNDRED FIFTYFIVEPENDING.

ONE PCI DASH RAC FILE OPENED.

END AND ACK

WA KGOK HOLD FOR ONE OTHER TEL ALSO

WA PAGE FOUR THIRD LINE WORD 132

"./../"ROUTE. UNABLE"

1-49 AM OK FBI WA HFL

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FBI

Date: 10/7/63

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT : BAPBOMB

Attached herewith is one negative with four exposures secured from [REDACTED] of the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, Birmingham, Alabama. [REDACTED] stated that this negative is of photographs that he took of the dead children who were killed in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on 9/15/63, Birmingham, Ala.

The Photographic Section is requested to prepare for the Birmingham Office at least four copies each from this negative in approximately 8 x 10 size as the Birmingham office might desire to use these photographs in interrogating suspects.

It is requested that this negative be returned to the Birmingham Office as soon as possible so that it might be returned to Coroner [REDACTED]

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Birmingham

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C.C. Wick

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Detached - ret
to Birmingham
10/11/63 D.E.T.

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L.S.

RE

10/11/63

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Enlargements made
Foid to Birmingham
10/11/63

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per [Signature]

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

October 11, 1963

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Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

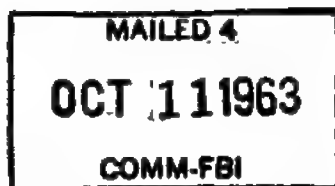
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Reference is made to your communication dated **10/7/63** transmitting
☒ negative(s) ☐ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed
☒ enlargement(s) made
☐ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☐ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail
☐ REA Express



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CQS:det A.E.T.-RC

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V.G.C. Trefzner, room 2266

OCT 13 1963

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W.B.*

DATE: October 9, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING
OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

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SAC Roy Moore has telephonically advised that John Wesley Hall had been tried in Recorder's Court in Birmingham today on the charge of possession of dynamite. Hall received the same sentence as was given to Charles Cagle yesterday; namely, \$100 fine plus costs and six months at hard labor. This sentence is being appealed.

CLM:cag

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(ALABAMA)

BIRMINGHAM--A SECOND WHITE MAN WAS CONVICTED TODAY OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSING DYNAMITE THE NIGHT THE HOME OF A NEGRO ATTORNEY HERE WAS BOMBED.

JOHN HALL, A STOCKY, BLACK-HAIRED MAN OF 36, WAS GIVEN A SIX-MONTHS' AIL TERM AND FINED \$100, THE MAXIMUM ON THE MIS-DEMEANOR CHARGED. HE WAS RELEASED ON BOND OF \$300 PENDING APPEAL.

THE FINAL DEFENDANT AMONG THREE MEN ARRESTED WITH DYNAMITE IN THEIR POSSESSION--R. E. CHAMBLISS, 59--WAS DUE FOR TRIAL IN CITY COURT BEFORE RECORDER J. EARL LANGNER LATER TODAY.

10/9--AM118PED

157-10252445

ENCLOSURE

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

NR 10-12-63

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McDonough

U R G E N T 10-11-63 8-45PM CST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.
CHAMBLISS GROUP.

SUSPECT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS REINTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS TODAY. CHAMBLISS APPARENTLY COOPERATIVE AND PROMISED TO AID IN PRESENT INVESTIGATION. CHAMBLISS ADMITTED PURCHASE OF ONE CASE OF DYNAMITE IN LATE AUGUST, WHICH HE GAVE TO JOHN WESLEY HALL, BUT DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ITS USE OR PRESENT LOCATION. HE STATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO HAVE HIMSELF BE ACCUSED FALSELY OF BOMBINGS AND WILL IDENTIFY SUBJECTS IF HE LEARNS IDENTITY. CHAMBLISS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND.

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cc: Lavin

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N. O. I.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS N. O. I. INTERVIEWED.
BACKGROUND OBTAINED. NONE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF BOMBING
OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OCCUPANT OF NINETEEN SIXTYTWO DODGE OBSERVED
AT WILLEY PONTIAC CO. AND NEAR VICINITY OF [REDACTED]
RESIDENCE SEPT. FOUR, SIXTYTHREE, DETERMINED TO BE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHOTO TAKEN OF [REDACTED] DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OBTAINED. DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

END PAGE THREE

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FIVE

[REDACTED]

END ACK

~~HOLD F~~ CORRECTION PAGE TWO LINE SEVEN FIRST WORD SHD BE "88" ⁵

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WA 10-59 PM OK FBI WA LLD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 10/9/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/15-10/7/63
TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS; Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPE :plw
		CHARACTER OF CASE 67c BOMBING MATTERS	

REFERENCES: Birmingham teletype, 9/15/63

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/4/63, at Birmingham

- P -

LEADS:

MOBILE DIVISION

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

Will report results of investigation presently being conducted as requested in Birmingham airtel to Mobile, 9/25/63 concerning [REDACTED] Birmingham airtel to Mobile, 9/27/63, concerning [REDACTED] and Birmingham airtel to New Orleans and Mobile, 10/3/63, requesting automobile license checks at Montgomery, Alabama.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW							
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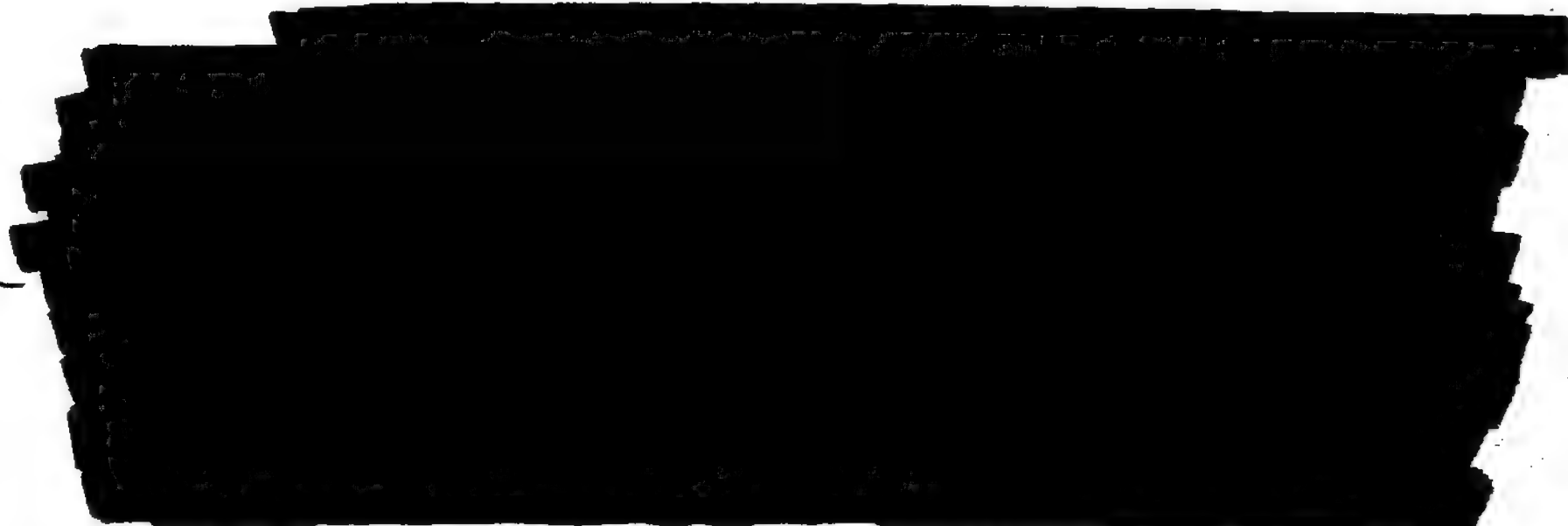
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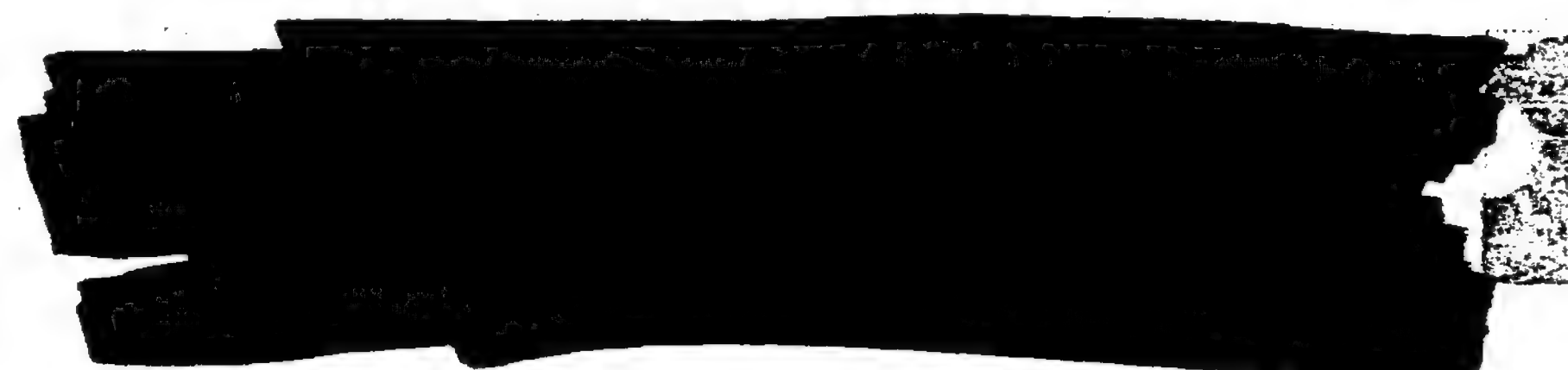
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Investigation concerning persons on the bombing suspect list and interviews with 58 persons who are either on the bombing suspect list or connected with Klan organizations or hate type organizations have been conducted, and no pertinent information developed concerning instant bombing. A summary of this negative information was furnished to the Bureau and Birmingham by letter dated 10/8/63. The original of FD-302s concerning the persons interviewed are included in Mobile case file, and as the information developed is negative, it is not set forth in instant report.

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This information was furnished to Birmingham by teletype dated 9/21/63. [redacted] has been identified as [redacted] and he has been interviewed by Jacksonville as set out in Jacksonville airtel to Birmingham, 9/26/63.



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[REDACTED]

The details of information concerning [REDACTED] together with descriptive date of [REDACTED] was furnished to SAC RAY FAISST of the Birmingham Office by telephone at 4:30 p.m., 9/28/63, and dictated to a Birmingham stenographer at the time of the call.

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Birmingham airtel, 9/21/63, set forth telephone numbers called by different suspects, requesting that the subscribers to the listed telephone numbers be ascertained, credit and criminal checks done, and the persons interviewed. One of these numbers related to [REDACTED]

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The Birmingham Office was advised by airtel dated 9/30/63 that there was no such number in Enterprise, but that number [REDACTED] was listed to [REDACTED]. Investigation reflected that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Birmingham was advised to this effect in airtel dated 9/30/63, and that in view of the relationship, no interview with [REDACTED] would be made.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: *43c*

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: MOBILE

Date:

October 9, 1963

Field Office File No.: 157-416

Bureau File No.: 157-1025

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963

Character: BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis: 1958 Chevrolet found burned near Birmingham, Ala.,
9/16/63, was stolen 9/7-9/63. Montgomery, Ala. from Hargrove
Motor Co. [REDACTED]

67-0 [REDACTED] Other investigation by Mobile
developed no information to identify UNSUBS. Automobile license
data concerning associates of suspect CHAMBLISS set out.
INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MANY MEMBERS OF KLAN AND SEGREGATION
TYPE GROUPS CARRY SOME TYPE OF WEAPON, ALL SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE
THEREFORE TO BE APPROACHED WITH EXTREME CAUTION.

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DETAILS:

(See next page)

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RE: 1958 CHEVROLET, ID F58N145302, FOUND
BURNED NEAR BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/16/63

The following individuals were contacted to determine if they observed anyone stealing a 1958 Chevrolet Impala from the Hargrove Motor Company, 616 Bell Street, during the period from 6:00 p.m., September 7, 1963 until the morning of Monday, September 9, 1963. All of these individuals advised their respective companies are closed during that period and no one is in the area who could have observed a person stealing a car from this car lot. They further stated all of the businesses in this area are closed during the weekends and at night. None of the individuals contacted could furnish any information as to the identity of the person stealing this vehicle.

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RE: AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKS OF
ASSOCIATES OF SUSPECT ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[REDACTED] on October 4, 1963 at Montgomery, Alabama:

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[REDACTED] Alabama Drivers License Bureau,
produced her records reflecting:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

License number 145812 was issued October 1, 1939
to ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLESS, 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham,
Alabama, and is now current. CHAMBLESS is white male, born
January 14, 1904, 5'10", 160 pounds, blue eyes, blonde hair.

[REDACTED]

RE: MISCELLANEOUS

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

URGENT 10-4-63 8-34 PM EST PP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/, SAC-S BIRMINGHAM /157-352/,
MIAMI /157-876/, CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 3P

BAPBOMB. BM.

REBUTELETYPE TO SV OCT. TWO LAST.

ON OCT. FOUR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HANDBILL STATES IMPERIAL WIZARD WILL BE PRESENT
AND OTHER GOOD SPEAKERS INCLUDING GRAND DRAGONS FROM OTHER
STATES WITH PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION INCLUDED. MEETING
SPONSORED BY SPARTANBURG LODGE TWENTYONE AND SENECA LODGE
SIX. NEITHER [REDACTED] NOR [REDACTED] AFFILIATED WITH
THIS KLAN GROUP.

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[REDACTED] PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE
[REDACTED] SPOT ~~FISUR~~ ONLY WILL BE MAINTAINED

ON HIM TO VERIFY ACTIVITIES, UACB, AS NO INDICATION HE WILL
ATTEND ANY MEETINGS. ^{PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE} SPOT ~~FISUR~~ WILL BE MAINTAINED RE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS PER REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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AM COPY TO JACKSONVILLE.

EN OTHER OFFICES BEING ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/9/63

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-856) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReButel 9/15/63 and Birmingham airtel to Atlanta, 9/28/63.

Klansmen and National States Rights Party members (and persons believed to be members), including racial informants and racial PCI's, also potential bombing suspects of Tampa Office, have been interviewed as per Bureau instructions in this matter. These individuals were questioned concerning their whereabouts around the time of instant bombing, and information looking toward identification of UNSUBS in this case and/or pertinent to investigation being conducted in the matter was solicited from them.

No pertinent information was developed as a result of the interviews.

It is to be noted that whereabouts of various individuals on 9/15/63, as indicated by them, was not verified through additional investigation. This would have been done in any instances where there was reason to question the klansman, hate group member or potential bombing suspect.

Informants and sources have been requested to remain alert for any information whatsoever which might be helpful to the BAPBOMB case and they have stated they will immediately furnish any such information to the Tampa Office.

Below are set forth the identities of persons interviewed relative to this BAPBOMB investigation:

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 - 3 - Birmingham (157-352) (RM)
 - 2 - Tampa
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LEADS OUTSTANDING FOR INTERVIEW
IN OTHER DIVISIONS

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Name

Klavern of UFKKK

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RACIAL INFORMANTS AND PCI'S CONTACTED

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[REDACTED]

The Bureau and Birmingham will be advised when results of interviews requested of other divisions have been completed and reported to the Tampa Office.

Additional copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau and Birmingham for their possible use in this extensive investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 12, 1963

FROM :

A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Robert E. Chambliss, a prime suspect in this case, was reinterviewed on 10/11/63. He appeared to be cooperative and promised to aid in the investigation. He admitted purchasing one case of dynamite in late August, 1963, which he gave to another suspect, but denies any knowledge of its use or present location. Chambliss stated he does not desire to have the Klan accused falsely of bombings.

Chambliss has agreed to make himself available for further interview.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Birmingham Office has determined that the occupant of a 1962 Dodge observed near the vicinity of the residence of Arthur Shores on the day it was bombed was [REDACTED]

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W.S.*

DATE: 10-11-63

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63
BOMBING MATTERS

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Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	
Malone	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	
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Holmes	
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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Efforts are still being made to identify and locate

Additional interviews and reinterviews of Klansmen and suspects have been conducted.

Incidental to the bombing investigation is the following information.

Additional members of the Nation of Islam were interviewed on 10-10-63 but no information concerning the bombing was developed.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

W. R. [Signature] [Signature] V. [Signature]

FBI

Date: 10/13/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

RE: BAPBOMB

Re MM tel to Bureau and BH 10/12/63 and
KX letter to Bureau 10/8/63.

For the information of Knoxville, retel advised
as follows:

[REDACTED] FLA
[REDACTED] B
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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4 - Knoxville (157-189)

(100-1386) (info) (UKA, Inc.)
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

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[REDACTED]

As re KX let points out that all known members
of klan and hate-type organizations were interviewed with

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negative results and the three former bomb suspects currently listed and their whereabouts verified, no specific leads are being set out for Knoxville at this time, and the information contained herein is being furnished only for the information of Knoxville Office, wherein the [REDACTED] reside.

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The Knoxville Office should alert sources close to the [REDACTED] and others, and aggressively follow any verification of allegations contained herein.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 10, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson ✓
Belmont ✓
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Callahan ✓
Conrad ✓
DeLoach ✓
Evans ✓
Gale ✓
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Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holmes ✓
Gandy ✓

In line with our conversation, if approved, I will attempt to leave for Birmingham this afternoon. I am trying to make reservations on a flight. If approved, I will probably leave to arrive in Birmingham early this evening.

AR:ers

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